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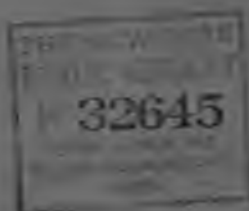
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 all cases in which the reaction is irreversible and the solid is
 of a constant composition. It is also applicable to cases in which
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HELD
IN TRINITY CHURCH, RUTLAND,
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TRINITY CHURCH, RUTLAND, }
September 21st, 1842. }

THIS being the day and the place appointed for the meeting of the annual convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Vermont, the bishop, clergy, and lay-delegates from the parishes assembled in Trinity Church, and at 9 o'clock, A. M., the convention was called to order by the Rt. Rev. the bishop of the diocese, who took the chair, *ex officio*; the Rev. Wm. Henry Hoit being secretary.

On calling the list of the clergy entitled to seats in the convention, and of the parishes entitled to representation therein, a quorum of both clergy and laity was found to be present, and the convention was duly organized.

The clergy present were

The Rt. Rev. John Henry Hopkins, D. D.,
The Rev. Norman W. Camp, The Rev. Wm. Henry Hoit,
“ Rev. C. Chase, D. D., “ Rev. Louis McDonald,
“ Rev. Joel Clap, “ Rev. Nath’l O. Preston,
“ Rev. Charles Cleveland, “ Rev. James Sabine,
“ Rev. Anson B. Hard, “ Rev. Nathaniel Sprague.
“ Rev. John A. Hicks,

The lay-delegates present were Messrs.

Phineas Atwater,	}	From St. Paul's Church, Burlington,
Richard G. Cole,		
Cyrus Boothe,		" St. Paul's Church, Vergennes,
Charles Linsley,	}	" St. Stephen's Church, Middle-
Dorastus Wooster,		bury,
Nahum Parker,		
D. W. C. Clarke,		" St. Thomas' Church, Brandon,
George T. Hodges,	}	" Trinity Church, Rutland,
Jonathan C. Thrall,		
David B. Lewis,	}	" St. Paul's Church, Wells,
Amon Bailey,		
Samuel Wood, Jr.	}	" St. John's Church, Poultney,
William Benedict,		
Ezra Benedict,		" Zion Church, Manchester,
Artemas Robbins,	}	" Immanuel Church, Bellows'
Henry F. Green,		Falls,
Paul Flinn,		" Christ Church, Bethel,
George B. Manser,		" Christ Church, Montpelier.

On motion, *Resolved*, that clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church, not canonically entitled to seats in this convention, and all candidates for Holy Orders in this Church, who may be present, be, and hereby are, invited to attend the sittings of the convention.

Whereupon, the Rev. Messrs. Samuel B. Bostwick, Henry M. Davis, Wm. F. Halsey, and W. D. Wilson of this Diocese, the Rev. Jedediah Huntington, M. D., and the Rev. Lucius M. Purdy of the Diocese of New York, and Mr. John A. Fitch, a candidate for Holy Orders in this Diocese, appeared and took seats in the convention.

The convention proceeded to the choice of secretary and treasurer; and after balloting, as the canon directs, the Rev. Wm. Henry Hoit was declared to be elected secretary, and Nahum Parker, Esq., treasurer.

On motion, the convention adjourned to attend Divine service, to meet again immediately after the services appointed for the afternoon.

Divine service was then attended, morning prayer being read by the Rev. Wm. Henry Hoit, the sermon preached by the Rev. Nathaniel Sprague, and Deacon's orders conferred upon Mr. George B. Manser, and Priest's orders upon the Rev. Samuel B. Bostwick and the Rev. W. D. Wilson, with the administration of the Eucharist, by the Rt. Rev. the Bishop. Divine service was again attended at 3 o'clock, P. M., evening prayer being read by the Rev. Samuel B. Bostwick; after which, and administration of the ordinance of confirmation, the Rt. Rev. Bishop delivered his primary charge to the clergy.

The convention then re-assembled, pursuant to adjournment.

The Rev. E. H. Sayles, not present in the morning, appeared and took his seat in convention.

Messrs. James H. Whitney, from St. Peter's Church, Bennington, and Isaiah H. Carpenter, from St. James' Church, Woodstock, presented certificates of their being duly appointed delegates to the convention, and took their seats therein.

The convention again adjourned, to re-assemble at the close of Divine service in the evening.

Divine service having been again attended, at which the evening prayer was read by the Rev. W. D. Wilson, and a sermon preached by the Rev. Jedediah Huntington, M. D., the convention re-assembled, pursuant to adjournment, and the Rt. Rev. Bishop of the diocese delivered his annual address.

ADDRESS.

BELoved BRETHREN :

A year of more than common interest has passed since we last met together, to counsel for the welfare of the Church. Prevented by imperious necessity from performing the whole of my accustomed round of episcopal labor during the conventional year of 1841, I endeavored to make up for this deficiency as early as my domestic arrangements permitted ; and have therefore, at this time, a double circle of duty to report, which I shall proceed to lay before you according to the Canon.

I commenced my visitation on Friday, January 7th, of the present year, at Montpelier ; where I preached, morning and afternoon, at the Methodist Chapel, which was kindly offered for that purpose, on the following Sunday, being the first after the Epiphany. There was considerable conversation held with our friends upon the building of a Church, but nothing concluded. My second visit was on Friday, the 15th July, on which occasion I was rejoiced to find a subscription actually begun, and now a handsome and appropriate edifice is so far advanced that it is expected to be ready for consecration by November.

Monday, January 10th, I proceeded to Randolph, and, by particular request, preached at the East village in the Union Meeting house. Tuesday, January 11th, I officiated at the Centre in the Congregational house of worship, preached twice, and confirmed ten persons, being assisted in the services by the Rev. James Sabine, the Rector of Christ Church, Bethel, to whose labors, under God, that interesting little flock are mainly indebted for their parochial organization.

My second visit was on Thursday, July 14th, when I preached, and confirmed two persons more. As yet, however, they have no place of worship which they can call their own. May it soon be otherwise.

Thursday, January 13th, I visited St. Paul's Church, Roy-alton, preached twice, and confirmed nine persons. And on my second visitation, July 12th, I preached twice and confirmed seven more, making sixteen persons in that young and small parish, nearly all of whom had chosen the Church in preference to their former religious connexions, on conscientious conviction, after diligent and careful examination. Exceedingly interesting to me were all the circumstances attending the progress of this parish. Since my former visit in 1840, the zeal of the Rector, Rev. Nathaniel Sprague, had added a great improvement of the Chancel, a small but sweet-toned organ, and above all, by divine favor, a most gratifying enlargement of his flock. Nor is it easy to find an instance in which the beginning and growth of Church principles have shown more evidently the wisdom and the power of her gracious Master. May his Spirit keep them humble.

Friday, January 14th, I visited St. James' Church, Woodstock, preached twice, and confirmed three persons. And on Monday, July 11th, I made them a second visit, preached twice, and confirmed three more. This important Church seems to be in an improving condition, by the blessing of God upon the labors of its Rector, Rev. Joel Clap.

Sunday, the 16th January, being the 2d Sunday after the Epiphany, I passed with the congregation of St. Paul's Church, Windsor, which I found vacant, and much depressed, without any hope of an adequate ministerial supply. I preached twice, however, to large congregations, and administered Baptism in the evening. And on my next visit, which was Sunday the 10th July, being the 6th Sunday after Trinity, I was gratified to find them enjoying a far brighter

prospect. The Lord of the harvest had sent them a laborer, the Rev. William D. Wilson, whose work, we trust, will be abundantly prospered, so that the future increase of his interesting flock may bear a just proportion to their past discouragement. I preached twice in Windsor, at my second visitation, and confirmed one person. At the urgent request of our friends in Claremont, New Hampshire, I preached a third time in the evening, at that place, where I found a very crowded and attentive congregation.

Tuesday, January 18th, I visited Emanuel Church, Bel lows' Falls, where I preached twice, and confirmed eleven persons. My second visit to this flourishing Church was on Friday the 8th July, when I found the zealous labors of their Rector, Rev. Dr. Chase, had the same number again prepared for the apostolic ordinance, so that I had the gratification of confirming twenty two persons in the whole on both the visitations, within the half year.

Thursday, January 20th, I visited Christ Church, Guilford, which, at the time of our last Convention, was vacant, and much depressed. But here the good Providence of God had prepared a most unexpected result, through his blessing on the labors of Rev. Augustus Wadleigh. I found the parish, in a few months, had become united, and perhaps more prosperous than I had seen it at any former period. Nineteen candidates were ready for confirmation, and at my next visit, July 7th, there was confirmed one more, being twenty altogether.

Saturday, January 22d, I visited St. Peter's Church, Bennington, where I preached, and confirmed one person. My second visit to this interesting parish was on Sunday the 26th of June, being the 5th after Trinity, at which time I preached twice at the Church, and confirmed two persons, and preached a third time at the Centre, in the Court House, to a large congregation. Their Rector, Rev. Nathaniel O. Preston, has been called to no small exercise of faith and

zealous perseverance in the organizing and building up of this parish. Few places in the diocese have felt more severely the difficulties of the times. But yet, through that blessing which the Lord never fails, in his own good time, to manifest to those who truly trust in him, the prospects of the Church are steadily improving, and promise to yield a rich reward.

January 23d, being Septuagesima Sunday, I visited St. James' Church, Arlington, where I preached and confirmed five persons. One other, however, being at Bennington on the previous day, was confirmed along with the candidate of that parish, so that the whole complement belonging to Arlington was six. In the afternoon, by particular request, I preached at West Arlington, in the Congregational meeting-house. My second visitation of this parish was on Thursday the 23d of June, at which time I preached to a respectable congregation, the Rector, Rev. Anson B. Hard, assisting. I was thankful to find his health restored from the serious illness of the previous year, so as to be able, with some occasional help, to perform full duty.

Monday, January 24th, I visited Zion Church, Manchester, where I preached and confirmed three persons, the Rector, Rev. John T. Sabine, assisting. My second visit to this parish was on Wednesday the 22d of June, at which time I preached, having the pleasure of seeing an appropriate screen put up behind the communion table, which afforded the officiating clergyman what had hitherto been wanting, a place in which to put on his robes. But the parish was vacant, their former Rector having, to the great regret of his flock, resigned it some time previously, and gone to reside at Bethel, where he exercises a very useful ministry, without the responsibility, but also without the support, of the rectorship. It is an instance of a very peculiar kind, in which a young man of excellent abilities and a most irreproachable life and conversation, as a preacher highly acceptable, and as

a man beloved and esteemed, has felt himself compelled, through an unconquerable diffidence of himself, to give up the parochial charge, at a time when his congregation were united in his support and well pleased with his services. However much I regretted the circumstance, it was impossible to deny the utmost respect to the pure and disinterested conscientiousness of the act. Most earnestly do I pray that the good Providence of God may enable him to use his gifts in such a way as shall approve his modest worth, and aid in the promulgation of the Gospel, either as a teacher of youth, or an assistant to some parochial minister. The Church at Manchester is still without any pastoral supply.

Wednesday, January 26th, I visited St. Paul's Church, Wells, and consecrated their handsome new building to the service of Almighty God, the Rev. Messrs. J. T. Sabine, Lucius M. Purdy of the diocese of New York, and Louis McDonald, who is the Rector, assisting. My second visit to this parish was on Tuesday, June 21st, when I confirmed five persons. Much credit is due to the little body of zealous and warm-hearted men who have persevered through an undertaking of no small magnitude. May the blessing of God prosper them abundantly, and give them an hundred fold for what they have laid out in his service.

Thursday, January 27th, I visited St. John's Church, Poultney, preached, and confirmed seven persons, Rev. Lucius M. Purdy, of Hampton, New York, who was the Rector, assisting. At my second visitation of this parish, I appropriated to them the 4th Sunday after Trinity, being June 19th, at which time I preached twice, and, by request, held a third service at Fairhaven, where I preached to a large congregation in the same place of worship in which the Bishop of New York had kindly and most acceptably officiated the year before.

Friday, January 28th, I visited St. Stephen's Church, Tinmouth, where I preached to our little flock in the Con-

gregational meeting-house. It is a long while since they have been able to calculate on regular services, and although there are a few episcopalians residing there who, in intelligence and consistency, are probably equal to any of our people, yet the principles of the Church cannot be diffused to much extent without the work of the preacher.

January 30th, being Sexagesima Sunday, I visited Trinity Church, Rutland, where I preached twice, and confirmed one person, the Rector, Rev. John A. Hicks, assisting. My second visit was on Saturday, June 18th, at which time also I preached, and confirmed one person. And this day, there have been confirmed five persons more. It gives me pleasure to state that this important parish seems to enjoy, by the divine blessing, a steady increase in its prosperity.

Monday, January 31st, I visited St. Thomas' Church, Brandon, Rev. Josiah Perry, Rector, where I preached and confirmed two persons, the whole number expected being six. Just as we were about to commence the service, however, we were informed that four of the candidates who were on their way from Rochester, were stopped at the Furnace, by a distressing interruption. A physician of Rochester, one of the four, with his wife, had been thrown out of their carriage, and so severely injured that his life was thought to be in imminent peril. A mournful cloud was cast over the services of that evening. It was one of those mysterious dispensations under which the believer's heart is forced to ponder the words: "Be still and know that I am God." The following morning, at day break, brought a message from the Furnace with the urgent request, that if possible I would take that road to Middlebury, and hold the service of confirmation on my way. The rector and I set out, accordingly, and met a goodly number in the house where the sufferer lay. No religious service in which I had ever borne a part, was so strangely impressive. The pious man whom the Lord had proved by this unwonted trial, lay prostrate, his head ban-

daged, the blood vessels ruptured, and the violent hæmorrhage kept down by constant applications of ice, his pulse just perceptible, and scarcely able to utter in the lowest whisper, the response which bound his soul in covenant with his Redeemer. His faithful wife, injured in her own person, though not dangerously, absorbed in anxious solicitude for her companion—the attending physicians, watchfully observing the effort by which they feared the small remaining strength of the wounded man might be totally exhausted—the three other candidates, sympathizing with the double emotion of personal friends and Christians, in the peculiar feelings which the circumstances were so fitted to inspire—the benevolent family and neighbors which filled up the adjoining room—all was calculated to fix a deep impression on the memory of him who witnessed it: an impression not likely to be effaced to his dying day.

The Rev. Mr. Perry performed the Morning Prayer in a low and subdued voice; and after a brief address, I administered confirmation to the patient and resigned sufferer, and his three companions. I then left them for my next appointment, doubting much whether I should ever see this new soldier of the cross, until I should meet him in the kingdom of heaven. But the goodness of God had ordered it otherwise. And on my next visit to the parish, June 17th, I enjoyed the high gratification of beholding him, not only restored to soundness and health, but bringing forward to the same blessed ordinance of confirmation, his wife, his two daughters, and his son. Never had it fallen to my lot to witness a more direct exemplification of the truth of God in that beautiful passage, "He maketh sore, and bindeth up; he woundeth, and his hands make whole."

Tuesday, February 1st, I visited St. Stephen's Church, Middlebury, where I preached twice, and confirmed two persons, the Rector, Rev. J. W. Diller, assisting. My second visit to this important parish was on Thursday, June

16th, on which occasion I preached, and confirmed nine persons. It was a painful occasion, too, although under very different circumstances. The Rector had found himself obliged to leave his parish for a congregation in Brooklyn, New York, for reasons connected with the health of his family; and this was the last fruit of his faithful ministry among them which he expected to witness. In the midst of his usefulness, with the warm attachment of his people, and the cordial esteem and regard of the diocese, this separation was felt to be a trial on all sides. Our only resource on such occasions is in the wisdom of Him who can, at his pleasure, bring light from darkness and good from evil. I am happy to add that the place of Mr. Diller has been since supplied by the Rev. Dr. Huntington. At Middlebury, during my first visitation in February, I met the Board of Land Agents, and held a meeting of the Standing Committee.

Thursday, February, 3d, I visited St. Paul's Church, Vergennes, which was then under the care of Rev. Mr. Greenleaf, from the diocese of Massachusetts. I preached twice, and confirmed three persons. Not long afterwards, however, Mr. Greenleaf communicated his intention to remove to the State of Maine, and on my next visitation to this interesting parish, I was glad to find his place supplied by the Rev. H. M. Davis, who has since been regularly transferred to this diocese by the Bishop of New York. I made my second visit on Wednesday, June 15th, preached twice, and confirmed three persons.

Allowing myself only the interval of a week at home, I commenced my northern visitation with Union Church, St. Albans, on Friday, February 11th, where I officiated thrice, the Rector, Rev. Wm. Henry Hoit, and Rev. John A. Spooner of the diocese of New York assisting, and confirmed thirteen persons. My second visit was made June 12th, being the 3d Sunday after Trinity, on which occasion I preached twice and confirmed two persons, the Rector assisting. There are

few parishes which enjoy a larger share of steadfast prosperity.

February 13th, being 1st Sunday in Lent, I visited St. John's Church, Highgate, Rev. Wm. F. Halsey, Rector, where I preached twice, and confirmed two persons. My second visit to this parish was on Saturday, June 11th, on which occasion I preached once, and confirmed two persons more, the Rector assisting in all the services. This interesting parish has suffered a serious loss in the removal of one of its most liberal supporters. But we must console ourselves in the hope that he is doing an equal amount of good in another quarter.

Monday, February 14th, I visited Grace Church, Sheldon, which I was sorry to find vacant, and without any immediate prospect of ministerial supply. I preached, and conversed with some members of the vestry, who were much depressed at the condition of the parish. I visited them the second time on Friday, June 10th, and preached, but saw no signs of encouragement. Still, there is so much of religious feeling and worldly ability in that congregation, that I have no doubt of their having a very different report to give, by and by. When it shall please the Lord of the harvest to send them a suitable laborer, I have full confidence that the result will soon be of the most cheering character.

Tuesday, February 15th, I visited Trinity Church, Fairfield, preached, and confirmed nine persons, the Rev. E. H. Sayles, Rector, assisting. The same day I visited Christ Church, Fairfax, which forms a part of his pastoral charge, preached in the school-house at Buck hollow, and confirmed four persons. My second visit to Fairfield was on Thursday, the 9th of June, on which occasion I preached, and confirmed four persons. The contrast between the state of this parish four years ago, and that which it presents now, is a lesson of encouragement that the Church, under the most disheartening circumstances, should never despair.

Wednesday, February 16th, I visited Christ Church, Enosburgh, Rev. Moore Bingham, Rector, where I preached and confirmed eight persons. And at my second visit, on Wednesday, June 8th, I preached and confirmed three more. The condition of this parish, under the care of its laborious and faithful pastor, is becoming more and more firm and prosperous.

At this part of my visitation I was compelled to lose two of my appointments, in consequence of a sudden and remarkably deep fall of snow, which rendered it totally impossible to reach Montgomery and Berkshire in season on the following day. With great toil and difficulty, however, I was enabled to arrive in time to ascertain that no one was disappointed by the failure, for not an individual thought it possible to travel, and fire had not been kindled in either Church. All that remained was to endeavor, under favor of divine Providence, to secure the remaining appointment at St. John's Church, Derby Line, which lay 50 miles off, with roads unopened. However, we were enabled to accomplish this part of the route, in twice the usual time, the Rev. Messrs. Sayles, of Fairfield, and Alex. H. Cull, of Montgomery and Berkshire, accompanying me, for the purpose of assisting at the ordination on the following Sunday.

February 20th, being the 2d Sunday in Lent, I visited St. John's Church, Derby Line, preached twice, ordained the Rev. Norman W. Camp, who had been elected Rector, to the Holy Order of Priesthood, Rev. Messrs. Sayles and Cull assisting, and confirmed seven persons. My second visit to this important parish was on the 5th of June, being the 2d Sunday after Trinity, on which occasion I preached twice, and, by special request, lectured in the evening upon the prophecies which were said by some persons in that region of the country to predict the destruction of the world in the spring of 1843. A very uncommon excitement was thus produced, and to an astonishing extent, considering how often similar interpretations have been found erroneous, and how plainly

it may be shown that whether the event shall take place at that time or not, it is impossible for any man to tell beforehand. "It is not for you," said our Lord to his apostles, "to know the times and the seasons which the Father hath put in his own power."* It is enough for us to be assured that we should be ready, not because we know when the Son of Man shall come, but because we know it not.†

On Tuesday, June 7th, I visited the two parishes which the storm had prevented me from reaching in February, viz. Calvary Church, Berkshire, where I preached and confirmed thirteen persons, and Union Church, Montgomery, where I preached and confirmed five persons more. At that time, both those parishes were united under the pastoral care of Rev. Alexander H. Cull, whose services appeared, on the whole, to be acceptable and useful. Since then, however, I have been informed that he has abandoned his flock, his family and his country, under very painful circumstances. We cannot but sympathize cordially in a bereavement of so melancholy a character, and it becomes us to unite our fervent prayers, that the Lord may make it a useful lesson of humiliation, over-rule it by his infinite wisdom for good, and raise up for the churches a pastor who shall cause them to forget their past suffering in the enjoyment of prosperity and peace.

There should be added to the list of confirmations, two held in St. Paul's Church, Burlington, of which one was on the first Sunday after Christmas, when ten persons were confirmed; and the other on Whit-Sunday, when that sacred ordinance was administered to seven persons more.

The parish of Trinity Church, Shelburne, the Rev. Charles Cleveland, Rector, was visited on Sunday last, being the 17th after Trinity, when five persons were confirmed; and I had the satisfaction of seeing a well planned and handsomely executed improvement in the Church edifice, which is now arranged with appropriate regard to the comfortable accommodation both of minister and people.

* Acts, 1, 7.

† Mat. 25, 13.

The whole number of confirmations is 230, being within twenty nine of the list recorded during the previous three years, as reported to the last General Convention. For this token of the divine blessing, we are bound to be thankful to the good Providence of God.

The ordinations have been as follows, viz.

To the Holy Order of Deacons, Samuel B. Bostwick, ordained on the 3d. Sunday in Lent, in St. Paul's Church, Burlington.

To the Holy Order of Priests, Norman W. Camp, ordained on the 2d. Sunday in Lent, at St. John's Church, Derby Line.

And in your presence, this day, George B. Manser was ordained to the Holy Order of Deacons, and Rev. D. Wilson and Samuel B. Bostwick, to the Holy Order of Priests.

The present circuit of the diocese embraces 578 miles of travelling. Two visits to New York, of which the first was for the purpose of attending the General Convention, in October last, and the second in June, to attend the annual Commencement of the General Theological Seminary, being added to the two visitations of the diocese, make the whole of my journeys since our last Convention, in the discharge of my episcopal duties, amount to 2,128 miles.

It was suggested at our last Convention, by one of our reverend brethren, that several of our nominal parishes, (organized in past years, but, for want of ministerial care, dying utterly away, or at least giving no signs of vitality,) should be stricken from our list of Churches. I doubted the expediency of this measure at the time, but further reflection has convinced me that it ought to be adopted, in justice to the diocese and to truth. I therefore recommend that the old parochial organizations of Pawlet, Perkinsville, Milton, Alburgh, Norwich, and Brattleboro', be no longer recorded amongst our Churches, and that those several localities be considered as missionary ground.

Four of our clergy have been dismissed to other dioceses, viz :

Rev. Jacob W. Diller and Thomas P. Tyler, to the diocese of New-York ; Rev. John B. Pratt, to the diocese of Pennsylvania ; and Rev. Benj. C. C. Parker, to the diocese of Massachusetts.

And we have received the five following, in their stead, viz :

Rev. Wm. F. Halsey, from the diocese of Ohio ; Rev. Henry M. Davis and Jedediah Huntington, M. D., from the diocese of New-York ; and Rev. Augustus Wadleigh and William D. Wilson, from the diocese of Massachusetts.

On the whole, the aspect of the diocese presents much ground for thankfulness, some for painful sympathy, and a large field for prayerful, faithful, and energetic action. May our divine Lord and Master look with increasing favor upon this young branch of the true vine which his own hand has planted ; teach us all, clergy and laity, to labor in his service with greater zeal ; pardon the manifold defects of the past, and so order our future course, that the Church shall go on advancing, in the light of his Spirit, and the strength of his effectual blessing.

The address being concluded, it was, on motion, *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to nominate to the Convention the Standing Committee for the ensuing year, the clerical delegates to the General Convention, and such other clerical appointments as are usually made.

The Rev. Messrs. Preston and Sprague were appointed the committee.

On motion, *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to nominate to the Convention the lay-delegates to the General Convention.

Messrs. Bailey and Thrall were appointed the committee.

The annual report of the Board of Agency for the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts was presented and read.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Convention adjourn, to meet again to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

The Convention adjourned accordingly.

Sept. 22d, 8 o'clock, A. M.

The Convention met according to adjournment. Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. George B. Manser.

The parochial reports were read, and laid upon the secretary's table, for insertion in the Journal.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.*

St. Peter's Church, Bennington.

The Rev. Nathaniel O. Preston, Rector.

Families, (comprising adults, 120, children, 54, total, 174,) 42	
Baptisms, (adults, 3, children, 9,)	12
Confirmed,	3
Marriages, (non-parishoners,)	1
Burials, (non-parishioner,)	1

*Under the head of "Families" in these reports is meant to be given the number of households, the heads of which, with the inmates generally, are properly regarded as members of the congregation. In the number of persons, however, given in the parenthesis, it is intended that not only those shall be actually comprised who (of whatever age) are members of the households enumerated, but also such other individuals, not members of those households, as usually attend the services of the church; and, in like manner, other children who are catechumens.

Communicants, added anew,	5
removed into the parish,	8
removed from the parish,	2
present number,	30
Catechumens, (boys, 10, girls, 19,)	29
Contributions, for General Missions,	\$7.00
for contingent fund of the Dio-	
cese,	6.00
for other purposes,	125.00
total,	\$138
Public services, regular, Morning and Evening Prayer on	
each Lord's Day, four Sundays ex-	
cepted; two of which through ab-	
sence, and two through ill health.	
administrations of the Holy Eucharist, seven	
times during the year.	

The pecuniary distress in Bennington the past year has been unparalleled in the history of the place, which will account in some measure for the poverty of our contributions. But while our pecuniary circumstances have been thus embarrassed, I record here with gratitude to God, that not a *death has occurred* the year past among the people of my charge—that through his blessing great peace and harmony have prevailed among us. Some fifteen additional families have been more or less interested in the services of the church, and never were her prospects of permanency and growth brighter in Bennington than at this present.

St. James' Church, Arlington.

The Rev. A. B. Hard, Rector.

Families,	65
Baptisms, (children,)	5
Confirmed,	6
Marriages, (parishioners,)	4
Burials, (parishioners,)	7

Communicants, added anew,	3
removed from the parish,	1
died,	2
present number,	80
Catechumens,	60
Contributions, for Diocesan Missions,	\$16.17
for General Missions, Foreign,	36.14
for other purposes, viz: for the Rev. Mr. Barker's church, Michigan,	10.76
total,	\$63.07
Public services, regular, two on each Lord's Day.	
occasional, on Christmas Day, Ash Wednesday, and Good Friday.	
administration of the Holy Eucharist, six times.	

The rector of the parish has officiated one Sunday in the Presbyterian church in Cambridge, New-York, at which time he baptized one infant. He has attended three funerals in Manchester.

Zion Church, Manchester.

(Vacant.)

Families,	26
Baptism,	1
Confirmed,	3
Burials,	7
Communicants, died,	3
present number,	36
Catechumens, about	15
Contributions, for Diocesan Missions,	\$10
for Rev. Mr. Barker's church, Michigan,	6

The Rev. Mr. Sabine, late Rector of the parish, resigned his charge early in the month of March, since which time the flock has been scattered abroad as sheep without a

shepherd. They deeply deplore the loss of their Pastor, for whom they entertained the warmest regard, and under whose supervision they were happily united ; and it is their fervent prayer that the Lord of the harvest may compassionate their condition, and soon send them a laborer.

St. Stephen's Church, Tinnmouth.

(Vacant.)

No Report.

St. Paul's Church, Wells.

The Rev. Louis McDonald, Rector.

Families, (comprising adults, 40, children, 38, total, 78,) 17

Baptisms, (adult, 1, children 2,) 3

Confirmed, 5

Burials, (parishoners, 3, non-parishioners, 2,) 5

Communicants, added anew, 5

died, 1

present number, 28

Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion, \$3.00

for Diocesan Missions, 2.00

total, \$5.00

Public services, regular, once in two weeks, on Sunday.

administrations of the Holy Eucharist, once
in two months.

St. John's Church, Poultney.

The Rev. Lucius M. Purdy, (of the diocese of New York,)
late Minister.

Families, 25

Baptisms, (adults, 3, children, 3,) 6

Confirmed, 7

Marriage, 1

Burials, 3

Communicants, added anew, 5
 removed into the parish, 3
 present number, 52

Contributions, \$11.59

Public services, administrations of the Holy Eucharist monthly. For about three months past the vestry have thought best to close the parish church. Many families attend divine service at Hampton, N. Y.

Of the communicants, 23 are from neighboring towns of the diocese, where no parishes have been organized.

Trinity Church, Rutland.

The Rev. John A. Hicks, Rector.

Families, 25

Baptisms, (children,) 3

Confirmed, 7

Marriage, (parishioners,) 1

Burials, (parishioners,) 4

Communicants, added anew, 7

removed from the parish, 1

present number, 50

Catechumens, (boys, 15, girls, 25,) 40

Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion, \$15.89

for Diocesan Missions, 10.00

for General Missions, Domestic, 3.00

Foreign, 20.00

for contingent fund, of the Dio-

cese, 8.00

total, 56.89

Public services, regular, morning and evening on Sunday.

occasional, Ash Wednesday, Passion week,

Ascension Day, and Christmas

Day. Bible-class Saturday eve-

ning.

administrations of the Holy Eucharist, first Sunday in each month, except when the Festivals of Christmas, Easter, and Whit Sunday take the communion from the Sunday nearest to them.

St. Thomas' Church, Brandon.

The Rev. Josiah Perry, Rector.

Families, (comprising adults, 22, children, 3, total, 25.)	
Baptisms, (adults,)	4
Confirmed,	10
Marriage, (parishioners,)	1
Burials, (parishioner, 1, non-parishioners, 3,)	4
Communicants, added anew,	9
removed into the parish,	5
removed from the parish,	5
died,	1
present number	18
Catechumens, (boys, 6, girls, 14,)	20
Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion, \$2.75	
for Diocesan Missions,	5.84
for contingent fund, of the Diocese,	5.00
for other purposes, viz: for tracts, 3.00	
for prayer books, 4.00	
total	20.59
Public services, regular, morning and evening on the Lord's Day, excepting three Sundays: two of which the Rector was absent from the parish, and on the other, Divine service was prevented by inclemency of weather.	
occasional, on the principal Holy-days. Also three evenings in a distant part of the town, and four week-days in Rochester.	

administrations of the Holy Eucharist. On account of the want of proper accommodations, the Eucharist has usually been administered but quarterly.

At Rochester the number of persons attached to the church has become so considerable, that it is hoped a parish will soon be organized. The opinion is again repeated, that the village of Proctorsville, where the Rector of this parish has performed Divine service on two Sundays within the past year, presents encouragement to missionary effort. The same suggestion is made with respect to Rochester.

St. Stephen's Church, Middlebury.

The Rev. Jedediah Huntington, M. D., Rector:

Baptisms, (adult, 1, children, 8,)	9
Confirmed,	11
Marriages,	5
Burials,	8
Communicants; added anew,	14
removed into the parish,	1
removed from the parish,	4
present number,	86

The connexion of the Rev. Mr. Diller with this parish was dissolved on the 19th of June last, and the above is his report, excepting one marriage, one burial, and one removal into the parish, which are now added by the present rector. The present rector has officiated in the parish since the 31st of July, (tenth Sunday after Trinity.) Since that date there have been regular services twice on every Lord's Day, and one on each Friday before the Communion, which has been administered twice. At a meeting of the Vestry, held August 28th, the present incumbent was elected Rector of the Parish, and accepted it, subject to the canonical approval of

Families, (comprising adults, 167, children, 96, total, 263,)	54
Baptisms, (adults, 2, children, 13,)	15
Confirmed,	17
Marriages, (parishoners,)	3
Burials; (parishoners, 8, non-parishoner, 1,)	9
Communicants, added anew,	17
removed into the parish;	1
removed from the parish,	13
died,	5
present number,	130
Catechumens, (boys, about 30, girls, 36,)	66
Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion, \$61.05	
for Diocesan Missions,	112.27
for General Missions, Domestic,	66.03
Foreign,	42.00
for contingent fund of the Dio-	
cese,	12.00
total	<u>\$293.35</u>
Public services, regular, three times on each Lord's day until	
December last, and afterwards twice.	
occasional, on the principal Festivals and Fasts.	
administrations of the Holy Eucharist, twelve	
times during the past year.	

The parish has felt the effects of emigration and the general pressure of the times in its pecuniary resources, which have contributed to keep down its numerical increase, and prevented, for the present, some improvements about the church edifice. Its spiritual condition continues equal, most probably, to the general average of the churches, which is much lower than it should be. There are two aspects of this point, which should never be forgotten. A congregation may be quite up to the mark of piety, such as may be ordinarily looked for in these days, and may therefore stand in the front rank among their brethren, while, nevertheless, there is noth-

ing to call for any special praise when the comparison is made with what all churches are exhorted to emulate, in the high standard of the Gospel. On the whole, however, we have much for which to be thankful, as respects the past, and good ground for hope as respects the future.

Milton and Jericho.

The Rev. Samuel Breck Bostwick, Missionary.

At Jericho, Baptisms, (adults, 1, children, 9,) . . .	10
Catechumens, (boys, 3, girls, 8,) . . .	11
At Milton, Baptisms, (children,)	3

As there is not an organized parish in either place, and of course no record, and as the communion has not been administered, the number of communicants cannot be reported.

After entering the ministry in February last, I was engaged, in connexion with Rev. Z. Thompson, in continuing the services in St. Paul's Church, Burlington, during a temporary absence of the Bishop. Since that time I have regularly officiated in Jericho and Milton alternately, with the exception of six weeks, when requested by the Bishop to perform services in his parish during his absence upon a visitation of the diocese.

In prosecuting my labors in these two places, I have met with as much encouragement as could reasonably be expected. Articles of association for organizing a parish in each place have been prepared and signed; and I trust, with the blessing of God, the Church will ere long be firmly established here in its purity and integrity.

I also thankfully acknowledge pecuniary aid from a few of the parishioners of the Bishop's Church, and from the Rector of Union Church, St. Alban's; without whose kind assistance it would have been impossible to continue the services in those places.

Union Church, St. Alban's.

The Rev. Wm. Henry Hoyt, Rector.

Families, (comprising adults, 129, children, 71, total, 200,)	34
Baptisms, (adult, 5, children 7,)	12
Confirmed,	15
Marriages, (parishioners, 2, non-parishioners, 1,)	3
Burials, (non-parishioners,)	2
Communicants, added anew,	12
removed into the parish,	9
removed from the parish,	4
present number,	87
Catechumens, (boys, 13, girls, 32,)	45
Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion, \$39.20	
for Diocesan Missions,	85.27
for General Missions, Domestic, 10.00	
Foreign, 10.00	
for contingent fund of the Dio-	
cese,	8.00
for other purposes,	7.68
total,	\$160.15

Public services, regular, morning and evening service on every Lord's day.

occasional, on Christmas eve and Christmas day; Wednesdays and Fridays in Lent, and every day in Passion week; and on Ascension day. Also, on Thursday after Ash Wednesday, the occasion of the Bishop's visitation; and on the Fast-day and the Thanksgiving-day, appointed by the civil authority.

administrations of the Holy Eucharist, on the first Lord's day of each month, excepting October, January and April, and on Christmas day, and Easter day. Also twice to the sick.

St. John's Church, Highgate.

Rev. Wm. F. Halsey, Rector.

Baptisms, (children,)	3
Confirmed,	4
Marriages, (parishioners, 2, non-parishioners, 1,)	3
Burials, (parishioners, 6, non-parishioners, 2,)	8
Communicants, added anew,	3
removed from the parish,	3
died,	1
present number	43

Contributions, for the contingent fund of the Diocese, \$7.00

Public services, regular, twice every Sunday, with three exceptions, since I took charge of the parish.

administrations of the Holy Eucharist, once every six weeks.

When the present rector took charge of this parish, it had been nearly a year without a pastor. Its present spiritual condition he hopes is improving.

Grace Church, Sheldon.

(Vacant.)

No Report.

Trinity Church, Fairfield.

The Rev. E. H. Sayles, Rector.

Families,	93
Baptisms, (children,)	4
(including an infant child of the Rev. G. Peck, of Sheldon.)	
Confirmed,	18
Marriage,	1
Burials,	7
Communicants,	65

A Sunday-school and Bible-class of young ladies, have been regularly sustained. In addition to the regular services of the Church, a third service has been held, on most of the

Sundays, in nearly all the school-houses in town. The ladies of the parish meet weekly in order to work. The rector attends, and introduces religious and other exercises. They confine their attention exclusively to useful articles, from the avails of which has been purchased a communion service of silver plate, worth \$28.50. On the whole, the interests of the church are steadily advancing, and her numbers and influence gradually increasing.

Christ Church, Fairfax.

The Rev. E. H. Sayles, Rector.

Families,	10
Confirmed,	4
Marriage,	1
Communicants, removed from the parish,	1
present number,	15

The growth of this Church must of necessity be slow. From the location of the place, the congregation is confined to very narrow limits, and though remarkably regular, still is small. The burden of support falls on a few individuals, who are so firmly attached to the cause of Christ and the Church, that they are willing to pay more than their incomes seem to warrant.

Christ Church, Enosburgh.

The Rev. Moore Bingham, Rector.

Families, (comprising adults, 49, children, 88, total, 87.)—	
Baptisms, (children,)	12
Confirmed,	8
Marriages, (parishioners, 1, non-parishioners, 1,)	2
Burials, (parishioners, 4, non-parishioner, 1,)	5
Communicants, added anew,	3
removed from the parish,	1
present number,	39
Catechumens,	20

Public services, regular, on every Sunday.

occasional, on the principal Holidays.

administration of the Holy Eucharist, 1st
Sunday in each month, Christmas,
Easter, and Whit-Sunday.

In this parish contributions are taken up monthly at the Communion, constituting a general fund from which appropriations are to be made by the vestry for diocesan and general purposes. The exact amount not known. From this fund an appropriation will be made for Diocesan Missions.

Divine Service has been holden four Sundays in the vacant and destitute parish at Sheldon. And since the melancholy departure of their late Rector, third services have been, and will continue to be holden in the parishes at Berkshire and Montgomery.

Calvary Church, Berkshire.

(*Vacant.*)

No report.

[*Although there is no report from this parish, the Wardens having neglected to prepare it in season, yet the Bishop states it to be in a fair state of average prosperity.*]

Union Church, Montgomery.

(*Vacant.*)

Families, (comprising adults, 84, children, 54, total, 138,) 35	
Baptism, (adult,)	1
Confirmed,	4
Marriage, (parishioners,)	1
Communicants, added anew,	5
removed from the parish,	2
present number,	60
Contributions, for the contingent fund of the Diocese,	\$2.00

Public services, have been held twice on every other Sunday until the month of July last.

[*The above report is made by Messrs. Rufus Hamilton and John L. Clapp, Wardens of the Parish.*]

St. John's Church, Derby Line.

The Rev. Norman W. Camp, Rector.

Families, (comprising adults, 200, children, 60, total, 260,)—

Baptism, (child,) 1

Confirmed, 7

Marriage, (parishioners, 1,) 1

Communicants, added anew, 10

removed into the parish, 2

present number, about 30

Catechumens, (boys, 20, girls, 12,) 32

Contributions, \$10.00

Public services, regular, 146, viz. three every Lord's Day.

occasional, 30, viz. Christmas, Ash Wednesday, Easter, Passion week and Lent.

Also on a few other of the Festival and Fast days.

administrations of the Holy Eucharist, seven times.

Christ Church, Montpelier.

(*Vacant.*)

Families, (comprising adults, 27, children, 10, total, 37,) 10.

Although this Church has enjoyed a nominal existence for two or three years past, yet it has never been regularly organized till within the present year. We have had no preaching, excepting when we have been visited by the Bishop, nor indeed any regular services on the Lord's Day. We are erecting a building for a Church, through the liberality of a few individuals, which will probably be ready for consecration the present fall. When we get into our new house we

hope to have services regularly. The prospect of our having a good congregation is as flattering, as, under the circumstances, we had a right to expect.

[The above report is by George B. Manser, delegate of the parish, but now ordained Deacon.]

Grace Church, Randolph.

(Vacant.)

No report.

Christ Church, Bethel.

The Rev. James Sabine, Rector.

Families, (comprising adults and children, about 100, not including individuals belonging to no family,) . . . 22

Baptisms, (adult, 1, children, 2,) 3

Confirmed, 4

Marriages, (parishioners,) 2

Burials, (parishioners, 2, non-parishioner, 1,) . . . 3

Communicants, added anew, 2

removed from the parish, 4

died, 2

present number, about 100

Catechumens, number fluctuating.

Contributions for General Missions, . . . \$ 6.00

for contingent fund of the Dio-

cese, 4.00

total, \$ 10.00

Public services, regular, morning and evening on Sunday.

occasional, not any, except Fasts and Feasts

appointed by the Church, our

parish is so scattered.

administrations of the Holy Eucharist, about

nine times the year, including

the great Festivals.

There are seven houses of worship erected in the township of Bethel for the convenience of a population amounting to about 1700 souls. Amid such division a small fraction remains for the Church. A *small* population so *scattered*, too, goes much against the success of the ministry. The hardness of the times is unfriendly to religion; worldly anxiety is calculated to eat out much of the vitality of religion. Nor does the pastor forget that the declining energies of his ministry is likely to add to this discouraging state of things. O Lord revive us, and set thine hand a second time to the work.

St. Paul's Church, Royalton.

The Rev. Nathaniel Sprague, Rector.

Families, (comprising adults, 63, children, 40, total 103,)	17
Baptisms, (adults, 2, children, 3,)	5
Confirmed,	16
Marriage, (parishioners,)	1
Burial, (non-parishioner,)	1
Communicants, added anew,	10
removed into the parish,	1
removed from the parish,	1
present number,	38
Catechumens, (boys, 7, girls, 11,)	18
Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	\$16.47
for Diocesan Missions,	10.00
for the contingent fund of the	
Diocese,	4.00
for other purposes,	150.00
total,	\$180.47
Public services, regular, at Church, morning and evening prayer every Lord's Day.	
occasional, the principal Fast and Feasts of the Church, and a third service within the parish, not at Church, every Lord's Day since the beginning of Lent.	

administrations of the Holy Eucharist, first Sunday in each month, except January and April. Also on Christmas and Easter day.

It is impossible to be exact either in the number of families, or the whole number of parishioners. In several instances one of the heads of the family attends Church, and the other with some other Christian Society. I have entered them as families only where both attend Church. Also, in regard to individuals, I have entered those only who are steady. Many more attend occasionally.

We have much reason to be grateful for the divine blessing upon us during the last eighteen months. Both spiritually and temporally, we have increased ; and our prospects are still favorable.

1. All our communicants have been confirmed. Sickness and other causes sometimes delay this ; all of which have been happily removed ; and all our communicants have sealed their vows in confirmation.

2. Our whole parochial body are united and appear happy in their good mother, the Church ; and none more so than those who have escaped the connexion and domination of dissent.

3. None have died, and but one has left us.

4. I think I can see an increase in spirituality, accompanied by a growth in the knowledge and use of the privileges of God's Church.

5. As to our temporal interests, we have had considerable increase to our congregation, some permanently attached, others yet not so ; but our prospects are still good for further increase.

6. We have also altered our chancel much for the better, though done cheaply and plainly.

7. We have also, through the liberality of the good people in Troy, Hartford, and New York, who generously contributed somewhat over \$100.00, obtained a small but sweet-

toned organ, costing about \$270.00 ; large enough, however, for our house, which enables us to set forth Divine worship more beautifully than before, and in the use of which we have been and still are much rejoiced. Of the sum contributed, the greater part was obtained in Troy through the kindly assistance of the clergy there ; to none of whom are we so much indebted as to the Rev. Mr. Cox, who took up our cause, and never ceased his exertions till our whole purpose was accomplished. It remains for us gratefully and faithfully to use our increased means for good, to the glory of God, and to the setting forth the salvation of men in his holy catholic Church.

I would add, that at the erection of our Church, we were very kindly assisted by several churches in our own diocese, which has not been before acknowledged ; and I must charge myself with the fault. The Church of the Bishop gave us one hundred dollars, the Church in Rutland between forty and fifty, and the Church at Bellows' Falls about the same amount ; and our good friend and brother, R. Blake, of Brandon, gave us a beautiful stove.

St. James' Church, Woodstock.

The Rev. Joel Clap, Rector.

Baptisms, (adults, 3, children 4,)	7
Confirmed,	6
Marriages, (parishioners, 2, non-parishioners, 2,)	4
Burials, (parishioners, 5, non-parishioners, 2,)	7
Communicants, added anew,	6
removed from the parish,	5
died,	1
present number,	56
Catechumens, about	50
Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion, \$22.89	
for Diocesan Missions,	\$5.00
for contingent fund of the Dio-	
cese,	6.00
total	\$33.98

Public services, regular, three times on Sunday.

occasional, on Christmas Day, Ash-Wednesday, Good Friday, and on the Thanksgiving Day and the Fast Day appointed by the civil authority. Also lectures on the Saturday evening preceding the administration of the Holy Eucharist. The weekly meetings of the Bible class are continued.

administrations of the Holy Eucharist, on the first Sunday of each month, and on Christmas Day, and Easter Day.

St. Paul's Church, Windsor.

The Rev. W. D. Wilson, Minister.

Families, (comprising adults, 75, children, 44, total, 119,)	27
Baptisms, (children,)	4
Confirmed,	1
Marriage, (non-parishioners,)	1
Communicants, added anew,	1
present number,	44
Catechumens, (boys, about 6, girls, about 14,)	20
Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion, \$3,55	
for other purposes, about	15.00
total,	\$18.55

We are also about raising another sum, whose amount is not yet ascertained.

Public services, regular, since Rogation Sunday.

occasional, for a few times between the last Convention and Rogation Sunday.

administrations of the Holy Eucharist, once, 7th Sunday after Trinity.

The minister of St. Paul's Church has experienced no small difficulty in making out his report so as to represent the present state of the Parish in its true light, when compared with the Reports that have been made in former years. In the number of families reported, there are some whose attendance is not very regular, and there are others, some of whose members usually attend public worship elsewhere. Besides there are several families some of whose members usually worship with us, that are not included ; so that this report is esteemed as a fair representation, on the whole, of our present condition in this respect.

The services of the present minister of St. Paul's Church, commenced on Rogation Sunday and have continued constantly since ; with several extra services. It is confidently believed that this parish presents, at present, some unusual promises of prosperity and growth. The burden of support, however, comes upon a very few. And although they are most devoted and most liberal churchmen and church-women ; and although they contribute with a liberality in proportion to their means, which, if imitated in all of our more wealthy parishes, would enable us soon to preach the gospel to every creature, and cause the desert to blossom as the rose ;—still, so great have been our pecuniary reverses and embarrassments, that it is feared that we shall not be able to keep our church open without some pretty substantial assistance from abroad. It is confidently believed that if an appropriation could now be made which would enable us and the people of our village to feel a confidence that the church would be kept open permanently, there would be such a constant increase of strength and members as to make foreign aid soon unnecessary. There are many that are ready to join us, and they would do so at once, but for the fear that we shall be obliged soon to shut our church, and then they will be under the necessity of taking seats elsewhere. This feeling on the part of our citizens is thought to be, at present, one of the greatest difficulties which we have to overcome.

Immanuel Church, Bellows' Falls.

The Rev. Carlton Chase, D. D., Rector.

Families,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	53
Baptisms, (adults, 7, children, 7,)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14
Confirmed,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22
Marriages, (parishioners,)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Burials, (parishioners,)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Communicants, added anew,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
removed into the parish,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
removed from the parish,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
died,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
present number,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	120
Catechumens,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	70
Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$43.61
for Diocesan Missions,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	66.20
for General Missions, Domestic,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25.00
for the contingent fund of the	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Diocese,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9.00
Total,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$143.81

Public services, regular, on all Sundays.

occasional, Christmas Day, Ash Wednesday,
Wednesday next before Easter,
and Good Friday. Catechetical
lectures on Tuesday evening during
a portion of the year. There
have also been a few other occasional
services.

administrations of the Holy Eucharist, 11 times.

As in years past, so now, we have abundant reason to acknowledge the good hand of our God upon us; inasmuch as he has given us increase of numbers and strength, and, it is humbly hoped, of Christian virtues and fruits of the Spirit. This year the pews in Church have all been taken up. The parish has been at heavy expense in repairing and painting the Church, which may account in part for the scantiness of contributions for distant purposes.

Christ Church, Guilford.

The Rev. Frederick A. Wadleigh, Rector.

Baptisms, (adults, 4, child, 1,)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Confirmed,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20
Marriage,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Burials,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Communicants, added anew,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20
removed into the parish,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
removed from the parish,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
present number,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	56

(or, including those formerly of St. Peter's Church, Brattleboro', 66.)

Contributions, for Missionary purposes, - - \$4.44

In presenting the above report to the Convention of the Diocese, the minister would beg to record his grateful acknowledgment to the Giver of mercies, for the blessing which has thus far followed his labors in this part of the Lord's vineyard.

The divisions which a little more than a year since threatened the parish with extinction, have, through God's blessing, been to all appearance healed. It is believed that at no period in the history of this Church has a greater degree of unanimity existed than at present exists. The parish is, however, owing to the fewness of our male communicants, yet feeble, and were it not for the self-denying labors of the Female Benevolent Society, would not long exist. The members of this Society have, under existing circumstances, perseveringly labored to sustain the services of the Church. They now feel that they have been sufficiently rewarded, and are encouraged to make even *greater* exertions.

The reading of the Parochial Reports being concluded, the committee on nominations for clerical elections reported :

For Standing Committee :

The Rev. Carlton Chase, D. D.,

" Rev. Joel Clap,

" Wm. Henry Hoit,

" John A. Hicks,

" Josiah Perry.

For clerical Delegates to the General Convention :

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" Rev. Joel Clap.

The committee appointed for lay-elections reported :

For lay-delegates to the General Convention :

Messrs. Charles K. Williams.

George Cleveland,

Isaac F. Redfield,

Alexander Fleming.

On balloting as the Canon directs, the several nominations above made were confirmed.

Messrs. Nahum Parker, Henry F. Green, and Jona. C. Thrall were appointed the Committee on Finance.

The parishes of Calvary Church, Jericho, and Immanuel Church, Milton, were, on motion, admitted into union with the Convention.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the names of the parishes of St. Luke's Church, Alburgh ; Trinity Church, Milton ; Trinity Church, Pawlet ; St. Peter's Church, Brattleborough ; St. John's Church, Perkinsville ; and St. Andrew's Church, Norwich, be stricken from the list of the parishes of the Diocese : they having become so reduced through various adverse causes, as possess no more than a mere nominal existence.

Messrs. Nahum Parker, R. G. Cole, and D. W. C. Clarke were chosen by the lay-members of the Convention the lay-members of the Committee on Diocesan Missions.

Mr. Cyrus Booth was excused from further attendance upon the sittings of the Convention.

The committee on revising the Constitution and Canons presented their report to the Convention.

The Convention adjourned, to meet again at half-past one o'clock, P. M.

On motion, Christ Church, Montpelier, was designated as the place of meeting of the next annual Convention of the Diocese.

The Rev. N. O. Preston was chosen preacher before the next Convention; the Rev. J. Perry, to be his substitute.

The Rev. J. A. Hicks was chosen to preach a missionary sermon at the place of the meeting of the next Convention, on the evening next preceding said meeting; the Rev. A. B. Hard to be his substitute.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Secretary be and hereby is directed to cause 800 copies of the Journal of this Convention, including the Bishop's Charge, to be printed; and to send six copies thereof to each clergyman of the Diocese by mail, unless otherwise instructed by the clergyman himself.

The minutes of the proceedings of the Convention were read and approved.

On motion, *Resolved*, That after the customary religious services, this Convention shall be adjourned, *sine die*.

Whereupon, after singing, prayers, and the benediction of the Bishop, the Convention adjourned, *sine die*.

JOHN HENRY HOPKINS, D. D.,

President of the Convention.

Attest,

WM. HENRY HOIT,

Secretary.

APPENDIX I.

LIST OF THE CLERGY IN THE DIOCESE OF VERMONT.

The Rt. Rev. JOHN HENRY HOPKINS, D. D., Bishop
of the Diocese, and Rector of St. Paul's Church,
Burlington.

PRESBYTERS.

The Rev. Moore Bingham, Rector of Christ Church, Enos-
burgh.

The Rev. Samuel B. Bostwick, Rector of Calvary Church,
Jericho, and Immanuel Church, Milton.

The Rev. Norman W. Camp, Rector of St. John's Church,
Derby-Line.

The Rev. Carlton Chase, D. D., Rector of Immanuel Church,
Bellows' Falls.

The Rev. Joel Clap, Rector of St. James' Church, Wood-
stock.

The Rev. Charles Cleveland, Rector of Trinity Church,
Shelburne.

The Rev. Alex. H. Cull, residence unknown.

The Rev. Henry M. Davis, Rector of St. Paul's Church
Vergennes.

The Rev. Wm. F. Halsey, Rector of St. John's Church,
Highgate.

The Rev. Anson B. Hard, Rector of St. James' Church,
Arlington.

The Rev. John A. Hicks, Rector of Trinity Church, Rutland.

The Rev. Wm. Henry Hoit, Rector of Union Church, St. Alban's.

The Rev. Jedediah Huntington, M. D., Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Middlebury.

The Rev. Louis McDonald, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Wells.

The Rev. N. W. Munroe, not residing in the diocese.

The Rev. Richard Peck, residing at Sheldon.

The Rev. Josiah Perry, Rector of St. Thomas' Church, Brandon.

The Rev. Nathaniel O. Preston, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Bennington.

The Rev. James Sabine, Rector of Christ Church, Bethel.

The Rev. John T. Sabine, residing at Bethel.

The Rev. Ezekiel H. Sayles, Rector of Trinity Church, Fairfield, and Christ Church, Fairfax.

The Rev. Nathaniel Sprague, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Royalton.

The Rev. O. H. Staples, residing at Windsor.

The Rev. W. D. Wilson, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Windsor.

DEACONS.

The Rev. George B. Manser, residing at Montpelier.

The Rev. Zadock Thompson, residing at Burlington.

The Rev. Frederick A. Wadleigh, Rector of Christ Church, Guilford.

CANDIDATE FOR HOLY ORDERS.

John A. Fitch.

APPENDIX II.

List of the Parishes in the Diocese of Vermont, with their Rectors or Ministers, and their Delegates in the Convention of 1842.

PARISHES.	RECTORS OR MINISTERS.	DELEGATES.
St. Peter's, Bennington,	Rev. N. O. Preston.	J. H. Whitney.
St. James', Arlington,	Rev. A. B. Hard.	Ezra Benedict.
Zion, Manchester,		{ D. B. Lewis,
St. Stephen's, Tinmouth,		{ Amon Bailey.
St. Paul's, Wells,	Rev. L. McDonald.	{ Sam'l Wood, jr.
St. John's, Poultney,		{ Wm. Benedict.
Trinity, Rutland,	Rev. J. A. Hicks.	{ G. T. Hodges.
St. Thomas', Brandon,	Rev. J. Perry.	{ Jona. C. Thrall.
St. Stephen's, Middlebury,	Rev. J. Huntington, M. D.	{ De W. C. Clark.
St. Paul's, Vergennes.	Rev. H. M. Davis.	{ C. Linsley,
Trinity, Shelburne,	Rev. C. Cleveland.	{ D. Wooster,
St. Paul's, Burlington,	Rt. Rev. J. H. Hopkins, D. D.	{ N. Parker.
Calvary, Jericho,	Rev. S. B. Bostwick.	{ Cyrus Booth.
Immanuel, Milton,	Rev. S. B. Bostwick.	{ P. Atwater,
Union, St. Alban's,	Rev. W. H. Hoit.	{ R. G. Cole.
St. John's, Highgate,	Rev. W. F. Halsey.	
Grace, Sheldon,		
Trinity, Fairfield,	Rev. E. H. Sayles.	
Christ, Fairfax,	Rev. E. H. Sayles.	
Christ, Enosburgh,	Rev. Moore Bingham.	
Calvary, Berkshire,		
Union, Montgomery,		
St. John's, Derby-Line,	Rev. N. W. Camp.	
Christ, Montpelier,		G. B. Manser.
Grace, Randolph,		
Christ, Bethel,	Rev. J. Sabine.	Paul Flinn.
St. Paul's, Royalton,	Rev. N. Sprague.	
St. James', Woodstock,	Rev. J. Clap.	I. H. Carpenter.
St. Paul's, Windsor,	Rev. W. D. Wilson.	
Immanuel, Bellows' Falls,	Rev. C. Chase, D. D.	{ A. Robbins,
Christ, Guilford,	Rev. F. A. Wadleigh.	{ H. F. Green.

TABULAR VIEW OF THE

PARISHES.	RECTORS OR MINISTERS.	Congregations				Baptisms			Confirmed.
		Families.	Adults.	Children.	Total.	Adults.	Children.	Total.	
St. Peter's, Bennington.	Rev. N. O. Preston.	42	120	54	174	3	9	12	3
St. James', Arlington.	Rev. A. B. Hard.	65					5	5	6
Zion, Manchester.		26							3
St. Stephen's, Tinmouth.									
St. Paul's, Wells.	Rev. L. M'Donald.	17	40	38	78	1	2	3	5
St. John's, Poultney.		25				3	3	6	7
Trinity, Rutland.	Rev. J. A. Hicks.	25					3	3	7
St. Thomas', Brandon.	Rev. J. Perry.		22	3	25	4		4	10
St. Stephen's, Middlebury.	Rev. J. Huntington, M. D.					1	8	9	11
St. Paul's, Vergennes.	Rev. H. M. Davis.	57	186	106	292		8	8	6
Trinity, Shelburne.	Rev. C. Cleveland.					1	1	2	5
St. Paul's, Burlington.	Rt. Rev. J. H. Hopkins, D.D.	54	167	96	263	2	13	15	17
Calvary, Jericho.	Rev. S. B. Bostwick.					1	9	10	
Immanuel, Milton.	Rev. S. B. Bostwick.						3	3	
Union, St. Alban's.	Rev. W. H. Hoit.	34	129	71	200	5	7	12	15
St. John's, Highgate.	Rev. W. F. Halsey.						3	3	4
Grace, Sheldon.									
Trinity, Fairfield.	Rev. E. H. Sayles.	39					4	4	13
Christ, Fairfax.	Rev. E. H. Sayles.	10							4
Christ, Enosburgh.	Rev. M. Bingham.		49	38	87		12	12	8
Calvary, Berkshire.									13
Union, Montgomery.		35	84	54	138	1		1	5
St. John's, Derby-Line.	Rev. N. W. Camp.		200	60	260	1	1	2	7
Christ, Montpelier.		10	27	10	37				
Grace, Randolph.									12
Christ, Bethel.	Rev. J. Sabine.	22			100	1	2	3	4
St. Paul's, Royalton.	Rev. N. Sprague.	17	63	40	103	2	3	5	16
St. James', Woodstock.	Rev. J. Clap.					3	4	7	6
St. Paul's, Windsor.	Rev. W. D. Wilson.	27	75	44	149		4	4	1
Immanuel, Bellows' Falls.	Rev. C. Chase, D. D.	53				7	7	14	22
Christ, Guilford.	Rev. F. A. Wadleigh.					4	1	5	20
		558	1162	614	1876	39	112	152	230

III.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Parishes.		Communicants.					Catechu's.			Contributions.						
Non-parish's.	Total.	Added anew.	Removed into parish.	Removed from parish.	Died.	Present number.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Alms at Communion.	Diocesan Missions.	General Missions.		Contingent Fund of the Diocese.	Other purposes.	Total.
												Domestic.	Foreign.			
1	1	5	8	2		30	10	19	29			7.00		6.00	125.00	138.00
	7	3		1	2	80			60		16.17		36.14		10.76	63.07
	7			3		36			15		10.00				6.00	16.00
2	5	5			1	28				3.00	2.00					5.00
	3	5	3			52										11.59
	4	7		1		50	15	25	40	15.89	10.00	3.00	20.00	8.00		56.89
3	4	9	5	5	1	18	6	14	20	2.75	5.84			5.00	7.00	20.59
	8	14	1	4		86					17.74			8.00		25.74
	12	7	3	1	3	64	20	40	60					7.00	16.00	23.00
1	5	4		2	2											
1	9	17	1	13	5	130	30	36	66	61.05	112.27	66.03	42.00	12.00		293.35
2	2	12	9	4		87	13	32	45	39.20	85.27	10.00	10.00	8.00	7.68	160.15
2	8	3		3	1	43								7.00		7.00
	7					65										
				1		15										
1	5	3		1		39			20							
		5		2		70								2.00		2.00
		10	2			30	20	12	32	10.00						10.00
1	3	2		4	2	100						6.00		4.00		10.00
1	1	10	1	1		38	7	11	18	16.47	10.00			4.00	150.00	180.47
2	7	6		5	1	56			50	22.89	5.00			6.00		33.89
		1				44	6	14	20	3.55					15.00	18.55
	3	18	3	6	1	120			70	43.61	66.20	25.00		9.00		143.81
	4	20	2	2		66									4.44	4.44
7	105	166	38	58	22	1347	127	203	545	218.41	340.49	117.03	108.14	86.00	341.88	1223.54

APPENDIX IV.

SUMMARY OF THE PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Families,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	558
adults,	1162							
children,	614							
not specified,	100	total of persons,	-					1876
Baptisms, adults,	39							
children,	112							
not specified,	1	total,	-	-	-			152
Confirmed,	-	-	-	-	-			230
Marriages, parishioners,	25							
non-parishioners,	7							
not specified,	9	total,	-	-				41
Burials, parishioners,	59							
non-parishioners,	17							
not specified,	29	total,	-	-	-			105
Communicants, added anew,	166							
removed into the parishes,	38							
removed from the parishes,	58							
died,	-					22		
present number,	-	-	-					1347
Catechumens, boys,	127							
girls,	203							
not specified,	215	total,	-	-				545
Contributions, alms at Communion,						\$218.41		
Diocesan Missions,						340.49		
General Missions, Domestic,						117.03		
" Foreign,						108.14		
Contingent Fund of the Dio-								
cese,						86.00		
other purposes,						341.88		
not specified,						11.59		
		total,						\$1,223.54

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Form of Certificate for Lay-Delegates.

" I hereby certify, that, at a meeting of the Vestry of ——— Church, ———, holden, as the Canon directs, on Easter Monday, in the year of our Lord ———, A. B. and C. D, &c. Members of the Vestry, were duly elected Delegates to represent the said Parish in the ensuing Convention of the Diocese.

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The Rev. Nathan W. Munroe, of this Diocese, and the Rev. S. A. Crane, of the Diocese of Rhode Island, were present, and took seats in the convention under the above resolution.

The convention then proceeded to the choice of secretary and treasurer: the Rev. Wm. Henry Hoit was re-elected secretary, and Nahum Parker, Esq., treasurer.

On motion, the convention adjourned to attend Divine service.

Morning prayer was said by the Rev. N. W. Camp, assisted in the reading of the lessons by the Rev. W. D. Wilson, and the sermon preached by the Rev. N. O. Preston ; after which the Holy Eucharist was celebrated, and the Communion administered by the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Wilson.

Divine service was again performed at half past 2 o'clock, P. M., the Evening Prayer being said by the Rev. S. A. Crane ; after which the Rt. Rev. Bishop delivered a charge to the clergy.

The convention then re-assembled, pursuant to adjournment.

The Rev. Messrs. Joel Clap and Frederick A. Wadleigh, not present in the morning, appeared and took their seats in the convention.

The convention adjourned to 7 o'clock in the evening.

7 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The convention met according to adjournment. The Rt. Rev. Bishop of the Diocese then delivered his annual

ADDRESS.

BELOVED BRETHREN, THE CLERGY AND LAITY OF THIS CONVENTION :

THE year that has passed, since our last meeting together, has been marked by many events in which the Church throughout our land has felt a deep interest. But first and chief among them, which of us can forget that the venerable bishop Griswold, who had sustained his arduous and responsible office for thirty-two years with such a singular measure of respect and affection, and to whom the Church in Vermont, for more than twenty of that period, was indebted so

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On motion, *resolved*, that clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church, not canonically entitled to seats in this convention, and all candidates for Holy Orders in this Church, who may be present, be, and hereby are, invited to attend the sittings of the convention.

The Rev. Nathan W. Munroe, of this Diocese, and the Rev. S. A. Crane, of the Diocese of Rhode Island, were present, and took seats in the convention under the above resolution.

The convention then proceeded to the choice of secretary and treasurer: the Rev. Wm. Henry Hoit was re-elected secretary, and Nahum Parker, Esq., treasurer.

On motion, the convention adjourned to attend Divine service.

Morning prayer was said by the Rev. N. W. Camp, assisted in the reading of the lessons by the Rev. W. D. Wilson, and the sermon preached by the Rev. N. O. Preston ; after which the Holy Eucharist was celebrated, and the Communion administered by the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Wilson.

Divine service was again performed at half past 2 o'clock, P. M., the Evening Prayer being said by the Rev. S. A. Crane ; after which the Rt. Rev. Bishop delivered a charge to the clergy.

The convention then re-assembled, pursuant to adjournment.

The Rev. Messrs. Joel Clap and Frederick A. Wadleigh, not present in the morning, appeared and took their seats in the convention.

The convention adjourned to 7 o'clock in the evening.

7 o'clock, P. M.

The convention met according to adjournment. The Rt. Rev. Bishop of the Diocese then delivered his annual

ADDRESS.

BELOVED BRETHREN, THE CLERGY AND LAITY OF THIS CONVENTION :

THE year that has passed, since our last meeting together, has been marked by many events in which the Church throughout our land has felt a deep interest. But first and chief among them, which of us can forget that the venerable bishop Griswold, who had sustained his arduous and responsible office for thirty-two years with such a singular measure of respect and affection, and to whom the Church in Vermont, for more than twenty of that period, was indebted so

largely, under divine Providence, has been called, full of years and honor, to the rest that remaineth for the people of God ! You are all aware that on him had devolved the title of Presiding Bishop, at the decease of Bishop White. And assuredly, if I were, what I am not, skilled in the work of panegyric, I could not desire a fairer topic than the character of each affords, for meekness, wisdom, moderation, purity, and soundness in the faith. Of both it might be truly said, that whether within or without the pale of their own communion, there was but one sentiment entertained of their Christian virtues ; and the rare felicity seems alike to have attended them, that they never made an enemy, and never lost a friend.

It should call forth our thankfulness to the great Head of the Church that our late bereavement was so mercifully ordered, as to produce an increase, rather than a diminution, of the Episcopal body. The place of Bishop Griswold was already provided for, in the diocese of Massachusetts, by the unanimous appointment of Rev. Dr. Eastburn to be his assistant, and the flock of Christ was regularly committed to the new under-shepherd, before their former faithful pastor was taken away. In the Church of Rhode Island, his duties have been happily transferred to the Rev. Dr. Henshaw : while his office, as Presiding Bishop, has fallen upon the well-known Bishop Chase, of Illinois, in whose energetic and extraordinary labors the Church, on either side of the Atlantic, has long felt the deepest interest. Be it our care, my beloved brethren, to manifest the sympathy which becomes us, in all these dispensations of the good government of God. Let the departure of our venerated friend and brother, be a solemn call to us to stand with our own loins girt, and our light burning ; let our fervent thanksgivings ascend for the manifestations of his love to the Church in providing it with able and sufficient successors ; and let our earnest supplications to the throne of grace implore on their

behalf the constant influence of the Holy Spirit, that they may stir up the gift that is in them, preach the word in season and out of season, exhort, reprove, rebuke, with all long suffering and doctrine, and finally receive the reward of their stewardship, in the crown of everlasting righteousness and glory.

The statement of my Episcopal duties during the past year, shall now, according to the canon, be laid before you, after which, such notice as may seem advisable, will be taken of those subjects more especially calling for attention.

On the Festival of the Nativity, December 25th, I held a confirmation at St. Paul's Church, Burlington, and a second on the following Good Friday, April 14th, of the current year. On both of which occasions, six persons were confirmed.

On Thursday, December 29th, 1842, I was called to perform the most acceptable duty of consecrating, to the service of Almighty God, the building in which we are now assembled, the Rev. Messrs. Clap, Hicks, Sabine, John T. Sabine, Hoit, Sprague, Bostwick, and Manser, assisting.

On Thursday, February 7th, I attended the annual meeting of the Board of Land Agents, at Middlebury, and, in the evening, according to previous arrangement, I preached in St. Stephen's Church, and confirmed thirteen persons, the Rev. Mr. Hoit and the Rector, Rev. Jedediah Huntington, assisting. It was a highly gratifying occasion.

My regular tour of visitation was commenced on Monday, the 5th of June, at St. Paul's Church, Vergennes, where I preached, and confirmed five persons, the Rector, Rev. H. M. Davis, assisting.

Tuesday, June 6th, I attended an adjourned meeting of the Board of Land Agency, at Middlebury, and on Wednesday, June 7th, I preached, and admitted the Rev. George B. Manser to the Holy Order of Priests, the Rev. Dr. Chase, and Rev. Messrs. Clap, Hicks, and Perry,

assisting. It was with much sorrow that I found the Rector, Rev. J. Huntington, laboring under a severe attack of pulmonary disease, which was likely to prevent his performance of full parochial duty for some considerable time. He was, however, able to attend the service in the evening and present five candidates, whom I confirmed, making eighteen confirmations in this parish since the last convention.

Thursday, June 8th, I visited St. Thomas' Church, Brandon, preached in the school-house and confirmed one person, the Rector, Rev. J. Perry, assisting. It was with much thankfulness that I saw a good progress made in the erection of a place of worship, which is now almost completed.

Friday, June 9th, I endeavored, in company with Rev. Mr. Perry, to fulfil my appointment with the new parish of St. Andrew's, Rochester. But a violent and protracted storm during the previous night had caused the road over the mountains to be quite obstructed by a land-slide, and one of the bridges near Rochester had been carried away. After riding, with difficulty, more than half the distance, we were forced to abandon our undertaking, and return to Brandon; having the consolation, however, of knowing, that although we failed to keep our appointment, we had done what we could.

June 11th, being Trinity Sunday, I visited Trinity Church, Rutland, preached twice, the rector, Rev. John A. Hicks, assisting, and confirmed ten persons. It was a gratifying and interesting occasion.

Monday, June 12th, I visited St. Stephen's Church, Tinmouth, but, owing to some mistake, the notice had not reached them, and I passed on to my next appointment.

Tuesday, June 13th, I visited St. John's Church, Poultney, where the Rev. N. W. Camp had been laboring since January last, with much success. The result, by the divine blessing, appeared in a class of twenty-nine persons, whom

the Rector had the privilege of presenting for confirmation. A crowded Church, and every outward mark of lively interest, testified the zeal and devout feeling of the people.

Wednesday, June 14th, I preached at the west village, where the Methodist house of worship was very kindly and courteously offered for the occasion.

Friday, June 16th, I visited St. Paul's Church, Wells, preached, and confirmed seven persons; the Rector, Rev. Louis McDonald, assisting.

June 18th, being the first Sunday after Trinity, I spent at Zion Church, Manchester, which, I am sorry to say, still continues vacant. It is an interesting and important locality, and I doubt not that it would well reward the labors of a faithful and devoted man. I preached twice to full congregations, and as it had been a long while since they had received the Eucharist, I administered that holy ordinance to a body of more than forty persons.

Monday, June 19th, I visited St. James' Church, Arlington, preached, and confirmed eight candidates, Rev. Nathaniel O. Preston, assisting. I had the further satisfaction of baptizing the infant child of the Rector, Rev. Anson B. Hard, and was thankful to find, through the blessing of God, that his health was quite restored, and his parish prosperous.

Tuesday, June 20th, I visited St. Peter's Church, Bennington, where I preached, and confirmed eight persons, the Rev. N. O. Preston, assisting. I preached a second time at the court-house in the Centre Village, and confirmed two more, under circumstances of very deep and peculiar interest. The condition of the Church, on the whole, seemed highly encouraging.

Wednesday, June 21st, I preached in the evening at Brattleboro'.

Thursday, June 22d, I visited Christ Church, Guilford, where I preached, and baptized the infant child of Rev. Thomas P. Tyler; but owing to the recent illness of the

Rector, Rev. Augustus Wadleigh, there were none presented for confirmation. He was then, however, on the recovery, through the goodness of God, and was able to assist in the service.

Friday, June 23d, I visited the flourishing Church of Bel-
lows' Falls, where I preached twice to large congregations,
the Rector, Rev. Dr. Chase, assisting, and confirmed twenty
four persons. It was, on every account, a highly interesting
occasion.

June 25th, being the second Sunday after Trinity, I spent
at Proctorsville, at the special request of a few zealous mem-
bers of the Church. The Methodist minister had kindly
offered them the use of his house of worship, and I officiated
three times to large and attentive congregations.

Monday, June 26th, I visited St. Paul's Church, Windsor,
preached, and confirmed three persons, the Rector, Rev.
William D. Wilson, assisting. I preached a second time on
the following day, and confirmed three more. There was
reason to think that this interesting parish had passed the
lowest point of its depression, and was rising, slowly, to a
condition of greater strength.

Wednesday, June 28th, I visited St. James' Church,
Woodstock, preached, and confirmed one person, the Rev.
William D. Wilson, and the Rector, Rev. Joel Clap, assist-
ing.

Thursday, June 29th, I visited St. Paul's Church, Royal-
ton, and preached twice, the Rector, Rev. Nath'l Sprague,
assisting.

Friday, June 30th, I visited Christ Church, Bethel, preach-
ed, and confirmed one person from Rochester, the Rector,
Rev. James Sabine, assisting.

Saturday, July 1st, I visited Grace Church, Randolph, and
preached, Rev. Nathaniel Sprague assisting.

July 2d, being the third Sunday after Trinity, I visited
Christ Church, Montpelier, preached twice, baptized seven

adults, confirmed ten, and administered the Holy Eucharist, the Rector, Rev. George B. Manser, assisting.

After one week spent in my own parish and family, I again left home, on my northern visitation, commencing on Monday, July 10th, with Calvary Church, Jericho, where I preached in the Congregational house of worship, and confirmed five persons, the Rector, Rev. Samuel B. Bostwick, assisting.

Tuesday, July 11th, Mr. Bostwick accompanied me to another of his parishes, Christ Church, Fairfax, where I preached in the school-house, to a crowded congregation, and confirmed thirteen persons.

Wednesday, July 12th, I visited Trinity Church, Fairfield, which has remained without any ministerial supply since Rev. Mr. Sayles removed to Berkshire. Here I preached, and confirmed two persons.

Thursday, July 13th, I visited Christ Church, Enosburgh, preached, and confirmed four persons, Rev. E. H. Sayles, and the Rector, Rev. Moore Bingham, assisting.

Friday, July 14th, I visited Union Church, Montgomery, preached to a large congregation, and confirmed six persons, Rev. Moore Bingham, and the Rector, Rev. E. H. Sayles, assisting. In the afternoon of the same day I visited Calvary Church, Berkshire, of which Rev. Mr. Sayles is also Rector, where I preached, and confirmed two persons, the same brethren assisting. Both these Churches are doing well.

Saturday, July 15th, I visited Grace Church, Sheldon, which is provisionally under the care of Rev. Moore Bingham, preached to a good congregation, and confirmed four persons, the same brethren assisting.

July 16th, being the fifth Sunday after Trinity, I visited St. John's Church, Highgate, which has been vacant for some months, in consequence of the declining health of Rev. Mr. Halsey, their last Rector. Here I preached twice to large congregations, administered the Eucharist, and con-

firmed three persons. In the evening, I preached a third time, at Swanton Falls.

Monday, July 17th, I visited Union Church, St. Albans, preached twice, and confirmed eleven persons, the Rector, Rev. Wm. H. Hoit, assisting. In this important parish, since my last visitation, the zeal of the Rector had established the Gregorian Chants, and the whole portion of the daily Psalms were sung by his choir with great correctness; a result which I never supposed likely to be accomplished beyond the sphere of Cathedral, collegiate, and large city Churches.

Tuesday, July 18th, I visited Immanuel Church, Milton, another of Rev. Mr. Bostwick's parishes. Here, service was held in the school-house, Rev. Messrs. Hoit and Bostwick assisting; where I preached, and administered the ordinance of confirmation to three persons.

Sept. 17th, being the fourteenth Sunday after Trinity, I visited Trinity Church, Shelburne, preached, and confirmed three persons, the Rev. Charles Cleaveland assisting.

Thus the whole Diocese has been visited, with the exception of Derby Line, at which place the predominance of sectarian influence and the indifference of those who were supposed to be churchmen, render it inexpedient for me to obtrude the interests of episcopacy. It is impossible, indeed, to foretell what may hereafter be the course of religion in that quarter; but, judging from the events of the past autumn and winter, the prospect is discouraging, and it seems but too probable that our past labors have been in vain.

Being appointed by the Presiding Bishop as one of the bishops who should attend the consecration of the Rt. Rev. Dr. Henshaw, Bishop of the diocese of Rhode Island, on the 11th of August last, I repaired to the city of Providence accordingly, and enjoyed the high privilege of uniting with my Episcopal brethren in that most interesting and important solemnity.

The ordination of Rev. George B. Manser to the priest-

hood on the 7th of June last, at St. Stephen's Church, Middlebury, is the only one since the Convention of 1842.

Two candidates for Holy Orders have been received ; Mr. Bailey, of Poultney, and Mr. Swett, of Windsor, making, with Mr. Fitch, three altogether.

The ministerial changes have been the following :

The Rev. Norman W. Camp has resigned his former charge at Derby Line, and become the Rector of St. John's Church, Poultney.

The Rev. William F. Halsey has resigned the rectorship of St. John's Church, Highgate, and is travelling for his health, but still remains canonically a clergyman of the diocese.

The Rev. Ezekiel H. Sayles has resigned the rectorship of Trinity Church, Fairfield, and Christ Church, Fairfax, and has become the Rector of Calvary Church, Berkshire, and Union Church, Montgomery.

The Rev. George B. Manser has become the Rector of Christ Church, Montpelier. The number of clergy canonically connected with the diocese is precisely the same as the list of last Convention.

One new parish, St. Andrew's Church, Rochester, is received into our Convention.

One new edifice has been completed since we last assembled together, Christ Church, Montpelier ; and one is nearly ready, St. Thomas' Church, Brandon. This last is an upper room, standing over the Town Hall. It is, however, secured as the property of the Church, and will yield our young society there ample and excellent accommodations.

The whole number of confirmations is 192, being the largest we have yet had in a single visitation, and within the period of one year.

The extent of my travelling, including my journey to Rhode Island, has been 1240 miles.

Our vacant parishes are numerous. To say nothing of St.

John's Church, Derby Line, we have Sheldon, Fairfield, Manchester, all having substantial edifices, besides St. John's Church, Highgate, which has a building of rather uncommon beauty. The parish of Randolph is well disposed towards the erection of a Church, but will probably do nothing effectual until it has a zealous minister. The pressure of the times has doubtless had some influence in producing this painful result, but far less than the too common apathy of men—even Christian men—on the subject of their religious privileges.

Of the topics requiring particular attention at this time, I know of nothing special beside the set of canons which were laid before us at the last Convention, and of which a copy has been furnished to me in season to allow of a careful and repeated examination.

The alterations proposed are much more extensive than I could have anticipated in *form*, but in principle and in substance I am glad to perceive that the committee have displayed, in general, a faithful adherence to all that can be considered important. The chief changes seem to be these. They propose to abolish the existing Constitution altogether, supposing, doubtless, that its chief features are secured in the canons. In the case of vestrymen, they do not require that they shall be of *pious and sober*, but only of *sober* life and conversation; and in the case of delegates to the diocesan convention, they omit the existing rule which confines the choice to the members of the vestry, leaving each Church free to send any member of the parish which they may think expedient at the time.

Of this latter change, I have already distinctly expressed my decided disapprobation. As the law now stands, the delegates to this Convention are required to be vestrymen, and in order to be vestrymen, they should be *pious and sober* men,—men to whom the congregation may safely entrust the general care of the interests of the parish,—and therefore it

may be presumed that they will be men in whom we may fully confide, when we meet annually for the solemn and important purpose of consulting together for the welfare of the whole diocese. It is said, indeed, that under such a rule, the convention may often lose the services of persons who are preëminently qualified for the transaction of its business. I apprehend, however, that much professional ability is not often needed in an ecclesiastical body like this ; and, when it is needed, I should be very unwilling to believe that there are not more than enough amongst the communicants of the Church, qualified for any supposable emergency. But of the piety, prudence, steadfastness, and prayers of our brethren of the laity, we have need at all times ; and hence our system of canon law should contain some rule, by which we may hope that those who come up to aid us in making laws for the Church, have themselves a true regard for the obligations of Christian principle. I remain fully of opinion, therefore, that it will not do to remove the present protection, at least until some equally efficient one can be provided. When this is done, I shall be quite prepared to gratify any of my brethren in their desire to enlarge the selection of delegates to the utmost extent, compatible with the conducting of our religious work under the influence of religious motives. True, I am well aware that no rule can be established which will not, in practice, exhibit many exceptions. Neither the clergy nor the laity are always what they ought to be. But this inconsistency must not destroy the standard. Let the *principle* be right, and then there will be some hope of regret and acknowledgment when we fall short of it. While the abandonment of the principle, in order to accommodate our views of present expediency, can never commend itself to the favorable judgment even of reflecting minds amongst men ; still less can it call down upon the councils of the Church the influence of that divine blessing, without which both clergy and laity will meet and legislate alike in vain.

With the other change contemplated, namely, the casting away our present constitution, I cannot feel satisfied in one respect. The proposed canons contain no declaration of our unity with the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, nor of our distinctive religious system. I have always supposed that there was a real advantage in possessing a plain statement on those points which embrace our real *constituent principles*, or, in other words, those principles which *constitute us what we are*, as an organized and apostolic branch of the Church of God ; and therefore, because they are *constituent* principles, I inserted them in our present constitution. But since our committee desire us to throw aside this constitution, and have offered us nothing in its place, I am bound to require, before I give my assent to the change, that there shall be some plain, direct and intelligible recognition of the cardinal principle, that we are a part of, and profess subjection to, the Protestant Episcopal Church in these United States, and that our doctrines may be found in the Bible and the Prayer Book.

There is a third difficulty in my mind, which belongs as well to our existing system as to that which the committee has laid before us. Experience has convinced me that we shall do better to omit entirely from our diocesan code the canons of the General Convention. There is, indeed, a manifest advantage in having before us the whole ecclesiastical law which involves diocesan action, in one connected series ; and this consideration was my own motive for inserting so much out of the general canons in our present code. But unfortunately, so strong is our propensity to legislation, in the Church as well as in the State, that not a single General Convention has passed, without more or less alteration. Now as it is to be hoped that our next code will be suffered to remain as long as our present one has done, which is rather more than seven years, and as three General Conventions will sit within that period, at every one of which

there will probably be new legislation, we shall either subject ourselves to the impropriety of having on our statute book what has ceased to be the law of the Church, or oblige ourselves to a new revision every three years, beginning with October, 1844, which is the time for the assembling of the next General Convention. I would suggest, therefore, the expediency of omitting, for the future, all such matters as are merely copied from the General Canons, and of letting them speak for themselves. We shall then be under the necessity of printing only our own variations, which, after we shall have once more settled our diocesan code, will be, I trust, as few as possible.

There is yet another subject on which I have, of late years, been strongly inclined to think that we had adopted a mistaken principle, and that is the subject of the Standing Committee. Of the existence of such a body in the Episcopal Church, I shall not now discuss the propriety. Very certain it is that there is no such thing in any other Episcopal Church on the face of the earth, and that it must be set down as a pure novelty, confined solely to ourselves. But still it is a part of our system, by the express enactment of the General Convention, and, as such, I have no difficulty in embracing it, and sustaining its proper claims. It is quite apparent, however, that the Standing Committee, provided by the General Convention, is a body composed of equal numbers of the clergy and the laity, appointed as a committee by the *whole Convention*, which is itself composed of both orders, and not by the clergy alone; and therefore it results that our Standing Committee in Vermont, being composed of clergymen only, does not fulfil the design of the General Convention, and is not such a body as the canons of the Church at large require. In casting our canons into a new shape, therefore, I shall ask for the adoption of the rule which obtains in almost all the older dioceses. By electing as many laymen as clergymen upon that committee, we shall secure

many advantages. First, we shall be in strict accordance with the General Canon, which we are not now. Secondly, we shall find it more easy to obtain a quorum for the transaction of ordinary business: and thirdly, when, at any time, the committee has occasion to meet as a council of advice to the Bishop, their increased number will secure a greater variety of judgments, and thus be more likely to attain the best result, according to the proverb, "In the multitude of counsellors there is safety."

For the rest, I am not tenacious. The present constitution and canons cost me much thought and labor. I do not for myself discern why they should be so thoroughly cast aside; but I dismiss all feelings of paternity, in order that I may be quite sure of escaping all bias of prejudice; and freely declare my perfect readiness to accept the proposed collection, if these objections be done away. The system put before us shows the care, the judgment, and the skill which we had a right to expect from the known character of the Rev. Chairman of the committee. It presents no other difficulties to my mind than those which I have specified, and if the Convention prefer its form or its phraseology, or even feel disposed to adopt it from the mere feeling of fraternal accommodation, let these points be in some way provided for, and I shall give it my assent with pleasure. I earnestly pray that in this and all our other undertakings for the Church of God, we may be guided by the spirit of wisdom, in the bond of unity and peace.

The Rev. Messrs. Sprague and Preston were appointed a committee to nominate the Standing Committee for the ensuing year, the clerical members of the delegation to the General Convention, and the preachers for the next annual Diocesan Convention.

Messrs. Thrall and Strong were appointed a committee to

nominate the lay-members of the delegation to the General Convention.

Messrs. Parker, Fleming, and Thrall were appointed committee on finance.

Messrs. Parker, Tucker, and Thrall were appointed lay-members of the committee on missions.

The parochial reports were then read, and laid upon the the secretary's table for insertion in the journal.

The committees on nominations reported to the convention as follows, and their nominations were duly confirmed.

For Standing Committee :

Rev. Carlton Chase, D. D.,
 " Joel Clap,
 " Wm. Henry Hoit,
 " John A. Hicks,
 " N. O. Preston.

For clerical delegates to the General Convention :

Rev. Carlton Chase, D. D.,
 " John A. Hicks,
 " Wm. Henry Hoit,
 " N. A. Sprague.

For lay-delegates to the General Convention :

Messrs. Charles K. Williams,
 " George Cleveland,
 " Isaac F. Redfield,
 " Alexander Fleming.

For preacher before the next annual Diocesan Convention, the Rev. J. Perry ; the Rev. W. D. Wilson to be his substitute.

For preacher of the missionary sermon on the evening preceding the Convention, the Rev. Dr. Chase ; the Rev. H. M. Davis to be his substitute.

On motion, *resolved*, That the next annual Convention of the Diocese be held in Union Church, St. Alban's.

The Convention adjourned to 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 21, 8 o'clock, A. M.

The Convention assembled according to adjournment. Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. Mr. Clap.

On motion, *resolved*, That the secretary be and hereby is directed to cause 800 copies of the Journal of the Convention to be printed ; and to send six copies thereof to each clergyman of the diocese by mail, unless otherwise instructed by the clergyman himself.

The Rev. Messrs. Cleveland and Wadleigh, and Messrs. Chittenden and Saxton, at their request, were, on motion, excused from further attendance upon the sittings of the convention.

On motion, the report of the committee on the constitution and canons, presented at the last annual convention of the diocese, and referred thereby to this convention, was, by request of the committee, returned to them for their further consideration.

Mr. Atwater was, at his request, excused from further attendance upon the sittings of the convention.

On motion, *resolved*, That the Right Rev. Bishop be requested to furnish to the convention a copy of his Charge for publication.

The Bishop, after the passing of the above resolution, begged leave to decline the request of the convention, inasmuch as he had written the charge with a view to publication in another and enlarged form.

The committee on finance reported the following assessments upon the parishes, to meet the current expenses of the year, viz :

Union Church, Montgomery,	\$4.00
Calvary Church, Berkshire,	4.00
Christ Church, Enosburgh,	2.00
Grace Church, Sheldon,	4.00
St. John's Church, Highgate,	5.00
Union Church, St. Alban's,	10.00
Trinity Church, Fairfield,	2.00
Christ Church, Fairfax,	2.00
St. Paul's Church, Burlington,	12.00
Trinity Church, Shelburne,	5.00
St. Paul's Church, Vergennes,	7.00
St. Stephen's Church, Middlebury,	8.00
St. Thomas' Church, Brandon,	4.00
Trinity Church, Rutland,	8.00
St. John's Church, Poultney,	4.00
St. Stephen's Church, Tinmouth,	2.00
St. Paul's Church, Wells,	2.00
Zion Church, Manchester,	4.00
St. James' Church, Arlington,	8.00
St. Peter's Church, Bennington,	5.00
Christ Church, Guilford,	2.00
Immanuel Church, Bellows' Falls,	10.00
St. Paul's Church, Windsor,	5.00
St. James' Church, Woodstock,	6.00
Christ Church, Bethel,	3.00
St. Paul's Church, Royalton,	4.00
Christ Church, Montpelier,	3.00
Immanuel Church, Milton,	2.00
Calvary Church, Jericho,	2.00

\$139.00

On motion, the report of the committee was adopted.

On motion, *resolved*, That all parishes which have failed to pay the assessments required by canon, or to be repre-

sented in the convention, for the last two years or more, be admonished in due form.

The committee on the constitution and canons presented their report to the convention.

On motion, *resolved*, That the constitution reported by the said committee be approved by this convention.*

On motion, *resolved*, That the canons reported by the committee be referred to the next annual convention of the Diocese, for its action thereupon.

On motion, the secretary was directed to have the constitution and canons, as reported by the committee, printed and appended to the Journal.

The minutes of the proceedings of the convention were read and approved.

On motion, *resolved*, That after the customary religious services, this convention shall be adjourned *sine die*.

JOHN HENRY HOPKINS, D. D.,
President of the Convention.

Attest,

WM. HENRY HOIT,
Secretary.

*The bishop deems it necessary to add, in order to prevent misapprehension, that this vote was passed as a matter of form, without discussion, in order that the proposed constitution might be regularly prepared for final action, along with the proposed canons, at the next convention.

APPENDIX I.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

St. Peter's Church, Bennington.

The Rev. N. O. PRESTON, Rector.

Families, (comprising adults, 122, children, 60, total 182,)	43
Baptisms, (adults, 5, children, 11,)	16
Confirmed,	10
Marriage, (parishioners,)	1
Burials, (parishioners,)	3
Communicants, added anew,	9
removed into the parish,	2
died,	2
present number,	40
Catechumens, (boys, 12, girls, 20,)	32
Contributions, for General Missions, Domestic,	\$3.25
Foreign,	3.25
for the contingent fund of the Diocese,	6.00
for other purposes,	20.00
total,	\$32.50

Public services.—With the exception of three Sundays, (when being prevented by sickness,) I have generally had three public services on every Lord's Day throughout the year. Also held Divine service frequently during the season of Lent, and on the principal feast and fast days. administrations of the Holy Eucharist, seven times.

Remarks. We have much to be thankful for to the great Head of the Church, for his blessing on our Parish the past year. We hope still in his mercy, for greater enlargement in Bennington.

St. James' Church, Arlington.

The Rev. ANSON B. HARD, Rector.

Baptisms, (adults, 2, children, 3,)	5
Confirmed,	8
Marriage,	1
Burials,	9
Communicants, added anew,	9
present number,	90
Contributions, for Diocesan Missions,	\$6,72
for General Missions, Domestic & Foreign,	40,00
for the County Bible Society,	7,12
to constitute their Pastor a life-member of the American Tract Society,	20,00
for contingent fund of the Diocese, (two years,)	16,00
total,	— \$89,84

Zion Church, Manchester.

(Vacant.)

No Report.

Christ Church, Guilford.

The Rev. FREDERICK A. WADLEIGH, Rector.

Families, (comprising adults, 116, children 93, total, 209,)	37
Baptisms, (children,)	5
Marriages, (parishioners, 4, non-parishioners, 2,)	6
Burials, (parishioners, 2, non-parishioners, 3,)	5
Communicants, removed,	1
died,	3
present number,	63
Catechumens, (boys, 19, girls, 42,)	61
Contributions, Communion alms,	21,00
General Missions, Domestic,	3,81
other purposes, about	35,00
total,	— \$59,81

Public Services, regular, two on each Lord's Day.

occasional, on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Ash
Wednesday, Good Friday morning, every Friday
evening during Lent, and Thanksgiving day.
administrations of the Holy Eucharist, monthly.

The rector of the parish has, also, in addition to catechetical instruction on the Lord's Day, held a weekly Bible Class, to which he has from time to time, as occasion demanded, delivered lectures upon Jewish and Christian antiquities.

Immanuel Church, Bellows Falls.

The Rev. CARLTON CHASE, D. D., Rector.

Families,		62
Baptisms, (adults, 15, children, 25,)		40
Confirmed,		24
Marriage,		1
Burials, (parishioners, 5, non-parishioner, 1,)		6
Communicants, added anew,	26	
died,	2	
present number,		146
Catechumens,		75
Contributions, at the Holy Communion,	\$46,85	
for Diocesan Missions,	50,00	
for General Missions, Domestic,	26,00	
for the contingent fund of the Diocese,	10,00	
total,		\$132,85

Public services, regular, on all Sundays in the year. Catechetical lectures on Wednesday evening during the winter, and a lecture on Sunday evening during most of the year. occasional, Christmast Eve, Ash Wednesday, Wednesday next before Easter, and Good Friday. Also, general Thanksgiving and general Fast. administrations of the Holy Eucharist, twelve times in public, and three times in private to the sick.

On Trinity Sunday I officiated at Proctorsville, where there are some Episcopalians, and a favorable disposition in many towards the Church.

St. Stephen's Church, Tinmouth.

(Vacant.)

No Report.

St. Paul's Church, Wells.

The Rev. LOUIS McDONALD, Rector.

Families, (comprising adults, 40, children, 38, total, 78,)		15
Baptisms, (adults,)		4
Confirmed,		7
Marriages, (parishioners,)		2
Burials, (parishioners,)		2
Communicants, added anew,	7	
removed from the parish,	2	
present number,		33

Public services, regular, half the time.

occasional, upon several Festivals.

administrations of the Holy Eucharist, monthly.

The parish being in debt, no collections have been taken up except at the communion, and the amount is usually small.

St. John's Church, East-Poultney.

The Rev. NORMAN W. CAMP, Rector.

Families, (comprising adults, 152, children 40, total 192,)	47
Baptisms, (adults, 21, children 11,)	32
Confirmed,	29
Marriage, (parishioners,)	1
Burials, (parishioners, 7, non-parishioner, 1,)	8
Communicants, added anew,	27
removed from the parish,	3
died,	3
present number,	73
Catechumens, (boys 8, girls 10,)	18
Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	\$21,90
for the contingent fund of the Diocese	3,00
total	\$24,90

Public services, regular, three times each Lord's Day.

occasional, Ash Wednesday; every day during Passion week; Monday and Tuesday in Easter week; St. Mark's day; Monday and Tuesday of the Rogation days; St. John Baptist's day; St. Peter's day; St. James' day; St. Bartholemew's day, and also Wednesday and Fridays generally of every week.

administrations of the Holy Eucharist, 16 times.

I came to this Parish in January last, and preached my first sermon the 3d Sunday after the Epiphany, January 22, 1843. Since which time I have found not a little to do in this large and scattered Parish. Since some of the communicants reside in the surrounding towns of Tinmouth, Fairhaven, Middletown and Castleton, I have found it necessary to preach and visit with them occasionally. In Tinmouth I have preached three times and baptized two adults. In Fairhaven I have preached four times, attended two burials, and administered the Holy Eucharist once. In Middletown I have preached once. In Castleton I have preached six times, and baptized two children. In Hampton, N. Y., I have preached three times, administered the Holy Eucharist twice, and baptized one adult. In Whitehall I have preached six times, and administered the Holy Eucharist twice. By request I was at that place in June last, and took a part in the ordination of the Rev. M. Van Rensselaer to the Priesthood. In Cuttingsville I have preached once, and in Royalton I have preached twice. Monday, September 10, 1843, by request I went to Castleton and assisted in the formation of St. James' Parish.

This Parish has suffered a good deal in a pecuniary point of view during the last two years, and hence, until the present Rector's charge, has never enjoyed the constant and entire services of a clergyman. It owns

a good church, which, I believe, is entirely free from debt. There is a society of Ladies called the "St. John's Charitable and Benevolent Society," which, I am happy in saying, is productive of great good, by ministering to the wants of the poorer communicants, and the general distribution of its charities.

Nevertheless, situated in the midst of a large and vigorous dissenting population, its growth is but slow, and calls for much zeal and self-denial from its members. Through the divine blessing, I am happy to add that its general prosperity is visible, and the spread of truth, as believed and taught by the Holy Catholic Church, was perhaps never more extensive or gratifying than at the present moment. Though the means which are used are but feeble, yet we rest with faith and confidence upon the blessing of our gracious God, who "hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty."

For the information, and (he would hope,) satisfaction of his parishioners, the Rector would here submit that among them he has made more than eight hundred visits, and travelled in their service over eighteen hundred miles, and, for their benefit, he has preached about one hundred and fifty sermons.

Trinity Church, Rutland.

The Rev. JOHN A. HICKS, Rector.

Families, (comprising adults, 120, children, 75, total 195,)	52
Baptisms (adults, 7, children, 2,)	9
Confirmed,	10
Marriage, (non-parishioners,)	1
Burials, (parishioners, 4, non-parishioners, 4,)	8
Communicants, added anew,	12
present number,	63
Catechumens, (boys, 20, girls 30,)	50
Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	\$31,00
for Domestic and Foreign Missions	31,00
for the contingent fund of the Diocese,	8,00
total,	\$70,00
Public services, regular, two on Sunday and one on Friday evening.	
Bible class on Saturday.	
occasional, Christmas, Ash Wednesday, Good Friday,	
Ascension, Thanksgiving.	
administrations of the Holy Eucharist, monthly.	

The condition of the Parish continues to be encouragingly prosperous.

St. Thomas' Church Brandon.

The Rev. JOSIAH PERRY, Rector,

Families, (comprising adults, 38, children, 31, total 69,)	-	14
Baptisms, (adults, 3, child, 1,)	-	4
Confirmed,	-	1
Marriage, (parishioners,)	-	1
Burials, (parishioners, 2, non-parishioners, 2,)	-	4
Communicants, added anew,	-	1
removed into the parish,	-	1
removed from the parish,	-	2
present number,	-	22
Contributions, for Diocesan Missions,	\$11,77	
for General Missions, Domestic,	5,00	
Foreign,	3,00	
for the contingent fund of the Diocese,	4,00	
for other purposes, about	1000,00	
total,	-	\$1023,77

Public services, regular, morning and evening every Lord's Day except three, on two of which the Rector was absent, and on the other was prevented by indisposition.

occasional, in the evenings a part of the last winter in a neighboring school-house.

administrations of the Holy Eucharist, owing to the want of accommodations, have been but quarterly.

The principal sum contributed is for the accommodation of the parish with a place of worship; for the purchase of a new and excellent organ; and other requisites for the due celebration of Divine worship. As the arrangements are not quite completed, it is impossible to state the exact expenditure, but I am informed it will not differ greatly from the sum named. I have great pleasure in stating that the members of the parish have, ever since my residence amongst them, practised the most generous liberality, as well as a kindness and courtesy towards the rector, which have left an indelible impression upon his heart.

Union Church, Springfield.

(Vacant.)

No Report.

St. Paul's Church, Windsor.

The Rev. W. D. WILSON, Rector.

Families, (comprising adults, 75, children, 35, total 110,)	-	26
Baptisms, (adult, 1, children, 3,)	-	4
Confirmed,	-	6

Marriage, (parishioners,)	-	-	-	-	1
Burials, (parishioner, 1, non-parishioner, 1,)	-	-	-	-	2
Communicants, added anew,	-	-	-	-	6
removed into the parish,	-	-	-	-	1
removed from the parish,	-	-	-	-	5
died,	-	-	-	-	1
present number,	-	-	-	-	44
Catechumens, (boys, 11, girls, 20,)	-	-	-	-	31
Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,				\$17,65	
for Diocesan Missions,	-			3,65	
for General Missions, Domestic,				6,00	
for the contingent fund of the Diocese,				5,00	
for the church in Springfield, Ohio,				3,10	
total,	-	-	-	-	\$35,40

Public services, regular, on every Sunday morning and evening.
occasional, at the Thanksgiving appointed by the civil
authority, on Good Friday and for a good part of the
year on every Sunday and Wednesday evening at
private houses.

administrations of the Holy Eucharist, ten times.

The church with which it has pleased the good providence of God to connect me, has experienced, in their greatest magnitude, the evils resulting from frequent changes in the ministerial relations. We have, however, much cause for gratitude to God, and for encouragement in our labors. Although this report does not indicate an increase of the parish, the average attendance on the public worship is larger than at the time of the last Convention, and we trust there has been a much larger increase in the graces of the Spirit and in attachment to the sacred principles of the Church. Six have been confirmed; more than in the nine years previous, as appears by the records. One of these is now a candidate for Holy Orders.

On the whole my experience and observation during my stay at Windsor has confirmed the opinion which I formed at first, that there is nothing wanting, but the constant labors of some one faithful to his Divine Master, and true to the principles of His Church, to make this portion of His vineyard as flourishing as its friends can desire. The principles of the Church are so fully sustained by the Scriptures, and admit of being presented in such a clear and common-sense light, that nothing more, under the blessing of God, can be needed to the rapid growth of the Church in any intelligent community, than to gain the attention of sober minded people to the subject.

St. James' Church, Woodstock.

The Rev. JOEL CLAP, Rector.

Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Communicants,	-	-	-	-	-	-	58
Public services, regular, most of the year three times on Sunday.							
occasional, on Christmas Day, Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, Thanksgiving Day, and Fast Day appointed of the civil authority. Lectures on Wednesday and Friday evenings during Lent, and morning prayer at an early hour every day during Passion week.							
administrations of the Holy Communion on the first Sunday of every month, except January and April, and on Christmas Day and Easter Day.							
Contributions, contingent fund,	-	-	-	-	-	6,00	
diocesan missions,	-	-	-	-	-	20,00	
total,	-	-	-	-	-	—	\$26,00

St. Paul's Church, Royalton.

The Rev. NATHANIEL SPRAGUE, Rector.

Families, (comprising adults, 60, children, 40, total 100,)	-	-	-	-	20
Baptism, (child,)	-	-	-	-	1
Marriage, (parishioners,)	-	-	-	-	1
Communicants, removed from the parish,	-	-	-	5	
present number,	-	-	-	-	33
Catechumens, (boys, 7, girls, 10,)	-	-	-	-	17
Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	-	-	-	18,85	
for Diocesan Missions,	-	-	-	15,00	
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total,	-	-	-	-	\$33.85

Public services, regular, on all Sundays except two, a morning and evening prayer.

occasional, on the principal fasts and festivals of the Church, and, about half the time, a third service somewhere within the precincts of the Parish.

administrations of the Holy Eucharist, eleven times.

The same remark may be made as before, that it is impossible to be exact in the number of families, or of attendants on Church. The number of persons who have signed our articles of association has increased, while the number of attendants is about the same. My own ill health since January until lately has prevented that activity which is so important to a small parish.

A kind Providence has spared all our lives ; and, although the number

of our communicants has decreased by removals, yet, on the whole, the prospects of the Parish are encouraging.

Christ Church, Bethel.

The Rev. JAMES SABINE, Rector.

Families, (comprising adults and children, about 100, not including individuals belonging to no family,) -	22
Baptisms, (children,) -	6
Confirmed, -	1
Marriage, -	1
Communicants, about -	100
Catechumens in Sunday school and Bible class fluctuating, about	20
Paid into the contingent fund, -	\$3,00

Public services, regular, morning and evening on Sunday.

occasional, a third service in school houses during the summer months, well attended. The fasts and feasts, as appointed by the Church, generally observed, with the annual Thanksgiving.

administrations of the Holy Communion about nine times in the year.

Owing to the scattered state of the population, all occasional services are very precariously attended. The triumphs and unity of of the Church, the progress of Catholicity, cannot be expected to any extent while every variety of denomination is spreading around and gathering out of a community of about 1700 souls in the township!

St. Andrew's Church, Rochester.

The Rev. JOSIAH PERRY, Rector.

Families, (comprising adults, 18, children 7, total 25,) -	5
Baptisms, (adults, 2, child, 1,) -	3
Confirmed, -	1
Communicants, present number, -	11
Public services, administrations of the Holy Eucharist, -	2

This Parish commenced its existence within the present year. It is still feeble; but I trust that with the Divine blessing upon the fostering care of the Bishop and Convention, it may be preserved from extinction, and prove a blessing, not only to the few faithful hearts who have already taken refuge in the Church of all ages from the surrounding fragments of schism, but to many others, also, who shall follow their example.

St. Stephen's Church, Middlebury.

The Rev. JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON, M. D., Rector.

Families, (comprising adults, 124, children, 60, total 184,)	-	52
Baptisms, (adults, 8, children, 15,)	-	23
Confirmed,	-	18
Marriages, (parishioners, 2,)	-	2
Burials, (parishioners, 5, non-parishioners, 2,)	-	7
Communicants, added anew,	19	
removed into the parish,	2	
removed from the parish,	2	
died,	2	
present number,	-	96
Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion, since		
Christmas,	55,00	
for Diocesan Missions,	29,00	
for General Missions,	20,00	
for other purposes,	4,46	
total,	-	\$108,46

Public services, regular, morning and evening service on Sundays, Festivals, the Ember and Rogation days.

occasional, morning and evening service every day in Lent; service and sermon on Christmas-Eve and Thanksgiving Day.

administrations of the Holy Eucharist on the first Sunday in every month, and on Christmas, Easter, Whitsunday, and Trinity Sunday, and thrice in private houses, to the sick or disabled.

Since the third Sunday after Easter (not inclusive) the Rector has been unable, from a failure of health, to perform the service or to preach. The services have been regularly maintained, even on the Saints' days, by lay reading, till the fifth Sunday after Trinity, since when the parish has been supplied by clerical services.

St. Paul's Church, Vergennes.

The Rev. HENRY M. DAVIS, Rector.

Families, (comprising adults, 142, children, 87, total 229,)	-	47
Baptisms, (adults, 2, children, 8,)	-	10
Confirmed,	-	5
Burials, (parishioners, 5, non-parishioners, 2,)	-	7

Communicants, added anew,	-	-	-	5
removed into the parish,	-	-	-	1
removed from the parish,	-	-	-	2
died,	-	-	-	1
present number,	-	-	-	67
Catechumens, (average attendance,)	-	-	-	30
Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	-	-	\$29,65	
for Diocesan Missions,	-	-	5,00	
for General Missions, Domestic,	-	-	5,00	
for the contingent fund of the Diocese,	-	-	7,00	

total, - - - - \$46,65

Public services, regular, morning and evening prayer on the Lord's Days, excepting three, when the church was closed during the Rector's absence.

occasional, early morning prayer throughout Passion Week, and on Wednesdays and Fridays during the other weeks of Lent ; Epiphany, Good Friday, Ascension Day : the Fast and Thanksgiving appointed by the civil authority, and also a week day evening lecture during the winter season.

administrations of the Holy Eucharist, twelve times in the Church, and three times to sick members, during the past year.

Grace Church, Randolph.

(Vacant.)

No report.

Trinity Church, Shelburne.

The Rev. CHARLES CLEVELAND, Rector.

Baptisms, (adult, 1, child, 1,)	-	-	-	2
Confirmed,	-	-	-	3
Marriages, (parishioners,)	-	-	-	2
Burials,	-	-	-	2
Communicants, added anew,	-	-	2	
died,	-	-	2	
present number, not precisely known.				

Public services, regular, morning and evening on all Sundays in the year.

occasional, on the days appointed by the Church and civil authority.

administrations of the Holy Eucharist, on the first Sunday of every month.

Our report may seem meagre ; the prospects of the parish are, however, thought to be encouraging.

St. Paul's Church, Burlington.

The Rt. Rev. JOHN HENRY HOPKINS, D. D., Rector.

Families, removed 5, added 2, present number,	-	-	51
Students at college, and other transient persons,	-	-	18
Baptisms, (adult 1, children 16,)	-	-	17
Confirmed,	-	-	6
Burials,	-	-	9
Communicants, added,	-	-	7
removed,	-	-	17
died,	-	-	3
present number,	-	-	111
Catechumens, (girls, 26, boys, 14,)	-	-	40
Contributions, for General Missions, Domestic,	-	\$65.44	
Foreign,	-	8.75	
Diocesan,	-	107.88	
alms at Communion,	-	72.53	
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total,	-	-	\$254.60
Public services, regular, morning and evening on each Lord's Day, on the greater Festivals, Thanksgiving Day, twice a week throughout Lent, and twice a day in Passion week.			
administrations of the Holy Eucharist thirteen times in the year.			

Calvary Church, Jericho.

The Rev. SAMUEL BRECK BOSTWICK, Minister.

Families, (comprising adults, 18, children, 14, total, 32,)	-	-	9
Baptisms, (adults, 2, children, 3, and at Cambridge, adult, 1, children, 4,)	-	-	10
Confirmed,	-	-	5
Marriages, (parishioner, 1, non-parishioners, 2,)	-	-	3
Burials, (parishioners, 1, non-parishioners, 2,)	-	-	3
Communicants, added anew,	-	-	5
present number,	-	-	9
Catechumens, (boys, 6, girls, 5,)	-	-	11
Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	-	\$6.62	
for Diocesan Missions,	-	2.61	
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total,	-	-	\$9.23

Public services, regular, once in four weeks, with the exception of a few weeks in the spring, when the interruption was occasioned by sickness, and also in the summer, when it was occasioned by being called to occupy the Bishop's pulpit, during his absence on his annual visitation of the Diocese.

occasional, in adjoining towns, also on Thanksgiving Day and on Good Friday.

administrations of the Holy Eucharist, three times.

The congregation is still quite small, and will probably continue so until a church edifice can be erected, of which, however, there is not an immediate prospect. But as our Lord, by His course while on earth, and by the teachings of His Word, has taught us to wait with patience for the seed of Divine Truth to take root and grow, so may we, using diligence and perseverance, hope, by His blessing, to see His Church eventually firmly established here.

I again thankfully acknowledge pecuniary aid from the Rector of Union Church, and also from a family of the Bishop's parish; to whose Christian liberality, under the Divine blessing, these parishes, in which I am engaged, are much indebted for the continuance of the services of Christ's Holy Catholic Church amongst them.

Immanuel Church, Milton.

The Rev. SAMUEL BRECK BOSTWICK, Minister.

Families,		20
Baptisms, (children,)		2
Confirmed,		3
Communicants, added anew,	3	
present number,		9
Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion	\$4.09	
for Diocesan Missions,	2.54	
total,		\$6.63

Public services, regular, once in two weeks, with the same exceptions as at Jericho.

administrations of the Holy Eucharist, twice.

The congregation continues to be as large as it was a year ago. The interest manifested for the maintenance of the services appears to be increased, and there is a prospect that, by the blessing of God, a church edifice may be erected in the course of a few years, and possibly sooner. As our object is not so much present speed as permanent progress, so have we no cause for discouragement, but reason for devout thankfulness to the Great Head of the Church for the favor He has thus far manifested towards us.

The communicants of the congregation are much scattered, the extremes of the Parish being about eight miles apart, which, of course, prevents that concentration of effort which would otherwise be expected.

No delegate appears from this Parish, there being but two male communicants; the requisite number for a delegate being three.

Christ Church, Montpelier.

The Rev. GEORGE B. MANSEY, Rector.

Families, (comprising adults, 75, children, 51, total 125,)	27
Baptisms, (adults, 7, children, 2)	9
Confirmed,	10
Marriages, (parishioners, 1, non-parishioners, 1,)	2
Burials, (parishioner, 1, non-parishioner, 1,)	2
Communicants, added anew,	10
present number,	15
Catechumens, (boys, 22, girls, 35,)	57
Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	\$6,25
total,	\$6,25

Public services, regular, three times every Sunday since the first Sunday in January last.

our first communion in the Church was the first Sunday in July last; since then there have been two administrations of the Holy Eucharist.

Christ Church, Fairfax.

The Rev. SAMUEL BRECK BOSTWICK, Minister.

Families,	10
Baptisms, (adults,)	2
Confirmed,	13
Marriage, (non-parishioners,)	1
Communicants, added anew,	14
present number,	29
Catechumens,	21
Bible class,	30
Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion, appropriated to	
General Missions, Domestic,	\$2,50
Foreign,	2,50
total,	\$5,00

Public services, regular, once in four weeks since last December, with the same exceptions as at Jericho.

Public services, occasional, a few times in a neighboring district and at Fairfield. Lay reading has been attended when the house has not been otherwise occupied, being about one-third of the Sundays during the year.

administration of the Holy Eucharist, once. They would have been more frequent, had not sickness and absence interfered with the intended administrations.

The Lord has abundantly bestowed His blessing upon the Parish in the increase of communicants, mostly from the younger members of the congregation, for which His Holy Name be praised.

Trinity Church, Fairfield.

(Vacant.)

No report.

Union Church, St. Alban's.

The Rev. WM. HENRY HOIT, Rector.

Families, (comprising adults, 143, children, 96, total 239,)	43
Baptisms, (adults, 6, children, 22,)	29
Confirmed,	11
Marriages, (parishioners, 3, non-parishioners, 3,)	6
Burials, (parishioners, 6, non-parishioners, 3,)	9
Communicants, added anew,	15
removed into the parish,	2
removed from the parish,	8
died,	1
present number,	95
Catechumens, (boys, 21, girls, 36,)	57
Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	\$50,20
for Diocesan Missions,	106,43
for General Missions, Domestic,	29,44
Foreign,	18,00
for the contingent fund of the Diocese	10,00
total,	\$214,07

Public services, regular, morning and evening prayer on Sundays, and morning prayer on Wednesdays and Fridays.
occasional, morning prayer and the office for the Holy Eucharist on all the Holy-Days; daily morning prayer in Lent from Ash Wednesday to Easter Tuesday inclusive, and during Passion week both morning and evening prayer.

administrations of the Holy Eucharist, on the first Sunday in every month ; on all the Holy-Days ; every Sunday during Lent ; and daily from Palm Sunday to Easter Tuesday inclusive ; as also on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday in Whitsun week : in all 36 times, besides sundry occasions of its administration to the sick.

Of the families above reckoned, some five or six (comprising between 20 and 30 persons) are not resident in the immediate neighbourhood of the Church, and whose attendance therefore upon public services is inconstant. Also of the communicants enumerated, 13 are resident at such distance from the parish church as to be infrequent in their attendance upon the administrations of the Holy Communion ; six from being in a feeble state of health ; and five from other causes ; leaving the number of those who may be reckoned as ordinary attendants upon our Eucharistic seasons about 70. Of these the number ordinarily present at those seasons is about 45 or 50.

It will be perceived that during the past year there has been a large increase made in this Parish of its public services and of its Eucharistic seasons. It seems proper to add that they have been, for the most part well attended, and it is believed (for how could it well be otherwise !) that they have proved perceptibly beneficial to the general interests of the Parish. During the long-continued daily services of the Lent and Easter season the average attendance of persons (including children) was more than 30 ; and upon the regular Wednesday and Friday morning prayers, continued through the year, the number is nearly the same. During the weekly administrations of the Holy Communion, the number of communicants ordinarily present to receive it was from 30 to 40.

Another improvement in this Parish during the past year is that of the procuring of a good-sized and good-toned bell for the Parish church. It is due to the ladies of the sewing-circle of the Parish to say, that this had been done wholly by their zeal and industry ; its purchase having been made by them, and from the proceeds of their own work.

St. John's Church, Highgate.

(Vacant.)

No Report.

Grace Church, Sheldor.

(Vacant.)

No report.

*Christ Church, Enosburgh.***The Rev. MOORE BINGHAM, Rector.**

Families,	-	-	-	-	-	-	15
Baptisms, (adults, 2, children, 14,)	-	-	-	-	-	-	16
Confirmed,	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
Marriages, (parishioners,)	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Burials, (parishioners, 2, non-parishioners, 4,)	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Communicants, removed from the parish,	-	-	-	-	-	1	
present number,	-	-	-	-	-	-	37
Catechumens,	-	-	-	-	-	-	20
Contributions, for Diocesan Missions,	-	-	-	-	2,00	-	
for General Missions, Domestic,	-	-	-	-	5,00	-	
Foreign,	-	-	-	-	5,00	-	
for other purposes,	-	-	-	-	5,00	-	
total,	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$17,00

Public services, regular, on Sundays throughout the year, excepting two Sundays at Sheldon.

The administrations of the Holy Eucharist are monthly, and on the three principal festivals, Christmas, Easter and Whitsunday.

A part of the baptisms and some half of the above confirmations and also four of the burials were for the Parish of Grace Church, Sheldon.

Regular monthly contributions are taken up to be appropriated to the various charities of the Church; but in a small and poor Parish the amount is small; perhaps from 18 to 24 dollars a year.

From want of teachers and the sparseness of the congregation the Sunday school can hardly be said to exist.

*Calvary Church, Berkshire.***The Rev. E. H. SAYLES, Rector.**

Families, (comprising adults, 80, children, 60, total 140,)	.	.	.	.	.	.	32
Baptisms, (adult, 1, children, 3,)	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
Confirmed,	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Marriages, (parishioners,)	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Burial, (non-parishioner,)	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Communicants, added anew,	.	.	.	.	.	3	
removed into the parish,	.	.	.	.	.	1	
present number,	.	.	.	.	.	.	54
Catechumens, (boys, 12, girls, 35,)	.	.	.	.	.	.	47
Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	.	.	.	.	\$5,86	.	
for the contingent fund of the Diocese,	.	.	.	.	4,00	.	
for other purposes,	.	.	.	.	1,57	.	
total,	.	.	.	.	-	-	\$11,43

Public services, regular, three every other Lord's Day.

occasional, on the principal **Fasts and Festivals** of the Church, and on those appointed by the civil authority. administrations of the Holy Eucharist, once in two months, or six times a year.

The third service is never held in the Church, but in school and private houses, in various places. In this way, the Gospel and the principles of the Church are proclaimed to many who never attend the regular services. Ignorance of, and opposition to, the Church usually go hand in hand, and are confined to places where she is known only by report; and the best way to enlighten the one and remove the other is to carry her services to their own doors.

Lay reading has been regular and constant in this Church ever since it was built. Every Lord's Day, whether with or without a Rector, has witnessed the voice of prayer and praise. This practice has secured regularity, stability, and gradual progress; and for her present influence and prosperity the Church is not so much indebted to her Rectors as to a few choice spirits. In addition to the scholars of the Sunday school there is a Bible class, composed chiefly of young ladies. The ladies of the Parish have formed a circle of industry, which meets once in two weeks, and the avails of their labor are devoted to religious and charitable purposes.

Union Church, Montgomery.

The Rev. E. H. SAYLES, Rector.

Families, (comprising adults, 95, children, 67, total 162,)	40
Baptisms, (adults, 4, children, 4,)	8
Confirmed,	6
Marriage, (parishioners,)	1
Burial, (parishioner,)	1
Communicants, added anew,	9
died,	1
present number,	69
Catechumens, about	30
Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	\$7,40
for the contingent fund of the Diocese,	4,00
for other purposes,	3,12
total,	\$14,52
Public services, regular, two and more frequently three every other Lord's Day.	

occasional, on the principal **fasts and festivals** of the Church, and on those appointed by the civil authority.

administrations of the Holy Eucharist once in two months, or six times a year.

In this Parish, also, lay reading is regularly sustained and well attended, and but few of the congregation wander away to other meetings. Third services are held in all parts of the town, and well attended by members of all denominations, who thus gain that knowledge of the Church, which they would not obtain in any other way. In addition to the catechumens, there is a Bible class numbering about 20, making the whole number under instruction about 50.

St. John's Church, Derby-Line.

(Vacant.)

No report.

APPENDIX II.

LIST OF THE CLERGY IN THE DIOCESE OF VERMONT.

The Rt. Rev. JOHN HENRY HOPKINS, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, and Rector of St. Paul's Church, Burlington.

PRESBYTERS.

The Rev. MOORE BINGHAM, Rector of Christ Church, Enosburgh.

The Rev. SAMUEL B. BOSTWICK, Minister of Calvary Church, Jericho, Immanuel Church, Milton, and Christ Church, Fairfax.

The Rev. NORMAN W. CAMP, Rector of St. John's Church, East-Poultney.

The Rev. CARLTON CHASE, D. D., Rector of Immanuel Church, Bel-
lows' Falls.

The Rev. JOEL CLAP, Rector of St. James' Church, Woodstock.

The Rev. CHARLES CLEVELAND, Rector of Trinity Church, Shelburne.

The Rev. ALEXANDER H. CULL, residence unknown.

The Rev. HENRY M. DAVIS, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Vergennes.

The Rev. WILLIAM F. HALSEY, not residing in the Diocese.

The Rev. ANSON B. HARD, Rector of St. James' Church, Arlington.

The Rev. JOHN A. HICKS, Rector of Trinity Church, Rutland.

The Rev. WM. HENRY HOIT, Rector of Union Church, St. Alban's.

The Rev. JEDEDIAH HUNTINGTON, M. D., Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Middlebury.

The Rev. GEORGE B. MANSEY, Rector of Christ Church, Montpelier.

The Rev. LOUIS McDONALD, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Wells.

The Rev. N. W. MUNROE, not residing in the Diocese.

The Rev. RICHARD PECK, residing at Sheldon.

The Rev. JOSIAH PERRY, Rector of St. Thomas' Church, Brandon.

The Rev. NATHANIEL O. PRESTON, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Bennington.

The Rev. JAMES SABINE, Rector of Christ Church, Bethel.

The Rev. JOHN T. SABINE, residing at Boston.

The Rev. EZEKIEL H. SAYLES, Rector of Union Church, Montgomery, and Calvary Church, Berkshire.

The Rev. NATHANIEL SPRAGUE, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Royalton.

The Rev. O. H. STAPLES, officiating in St. Stephen's Church, Middlebury.

The Rev. W. D. WILSON, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Windsor.

The Rev. F. A. WADLEIGH, Rector of Christ Church, Guilford.

DEACON.

The Rev. ZADOCK THOMPSON, residing at Burlington.

CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS.

Mr. JOHN A. FITCH, Mr. J. SWETT, Jr., and Mr. A. H. BAILEY.

APPENDIX III.

LIST OF THE PARISHES

*In the Diocese of Vermont, with their Rectors or Ministers, and their
Delegates to the Convention of 1843.*

PARISHES.	RECTORS OR MINISTERS.	DELEGATES.
St. Peter's, Bennington,	Rev. N. O. Preston.	
St. James', Arlington,	Rev. Anson B. Hard.	
Zion, Manchester,		
Christ, Guilford,	Rev. Fred'k A. Wadleigh.	{ Alex. Fleming.
Immanuel, Bellows' Falls,	Rev. Carlton Chase, D. D.	{ Wm. K. Church.
St. Stephen's, Tinmouth,		
St. Paul's, Wells,	Rev. Louis McDonald.	{ Orlin Lewis,
St. John's, Poultney,	Rev. Norman W. Camp.	{ John S. Hulett.
Trinity, Rutland,	Rev. John A. Hicks.	{ Luther Thrall,
St. Thomas', Brandon,	Rev. Josiah Perry.	{ George Graves.
Union, Springfield,		
St. Paul's, Windsor,	Rev. W. D. Wilson.	
St. James', Woodstock,	Rev. Joel Clap.	
St. Paul's, Royalton,	Rev. Nathaniel Sprague.	Oramel Sawyer.
Christ, Bethel,	Rev. James Sabine.	
St. Andrew's, Rochester,	Rev. Josiah Perry.	D. Huntington, M.D.
St. Stephen's, Middlebury,	Rev. J. Huntington, M. D.	{ Nahum Parker,
St. Paul's, Vergennes,	Rev. Henry M. Davis,	{ Ed. Wainwright.
Grace, Randolph,		{ Cyrus Booth,
Trinity, Shelburne,	Rev. Charles Cleveland.	{ Joshua Scott.
St. Paul's, Burlington,	Rt. Rev. J. H. Hopkins, D. D.	{ Horace Saxton,
Calvary, Jericho,	Rev. Samuel B. Bostwick.	{ H. Chittenden.
Immanuel, Milton,	Rev. Samuel B. Bostwick.	{ Phineas Atwater,
Christ, Montpelier,	Rev. George B. Manser.	{ T. F. Strong,
Christ, Fairfax,	Rev. Samuel B. Bostwick.	{ Nath'l A. Tucker.
Trinity, Fairfield,		Orville Shaw.
Union, St. Alban's,	Rev. Wm. Henry Hoit.	Isaac F. Redfield.
St. John's, Highgate,		
Grace, Sheldon,		
Christ, Enosburgh,	Rev. Moore Bingham.	{ Gard'r G. Smith,
Calvary, Berkshire,	Rev. E. H. Sayles.	{ Bildad Paull.
Union, Montgomery,	Rev. E. H. Sayles.	
St. John's, Derby-Line,		

TABULAR VIEW OF

PARISHES.	RECTORS OR MINISTERS.	Congregation.				Baptism.			Confirmed.	Burial.
		Families.	Adults.	Children.	Total.	Adults.	Children.	Total.		
St. Peter's, Bennington.	Rev. N. O. Preston.	43	122	60	182	5	11	16	10	1
St. James', Arlington.	Rev. A. B. Hard.					2	3	5	8	
Zion, Manchester.										
Christ, Guilford.	Rev. F. A. Wadleigh.	37	116	93	209		5	5		4
Immanuel, Bellows' Falls.	Rev. Carlton Chase, D.D.	62				15	25	40	24	
St. Stephen's, Tinmouth.										
St. Paul's, Wells.	Rev. L. McDonald.	15	40	38	78	4		4	7	4
St. John's, Poultney.	Rev. N. W. Camp.	47	152	40	192	21	11	32	29	1
Trinity, Rutland.	Rev. J. A. Hicks.	52	120	75	195	7	2	9	10	
St. Thomas', Brandon.	Rev. J. Perry.	14	38	31	69	3	1	4	1	1
Union, Springfield.										
St. Paul's, Windsor.	Rev. W. D. Wilson.	26	75	35	110	1	3	4	6	1
St. James', Woodstock.	Rev. Joel Clap.									
St. Paul's, Royalton.	Rev. N. Sprague.	20	60	40	100		1	1		1
Christ, Bethel.	Rev. J. Sabine.	22			100		6	6	1	
St. Andrew's, Rochester.	Rev. J. Perry.	5	18	7	25	2	1	3	1	
St. Stephen's, Middlebury.	Rev. J. Huntington, M.D.	52	124	60	184	8	15	23	18	4
St. Paul's, Vergennes.	Rev. H. M. Davis.	47	142	87	229	2	8	10	5	
Grace, Randolph.										
Trinity, Shelburne.	Rev. C. Cleveland.					1	1	2	3	4
St. Paul's, Burlington.	Rt. Rev. J. H. Hopkins, D.D.	51				1	16	17	6	
Calvary, Jericho.	Rev. S. B. Bostwick.	9	18	14	32	3	7	10	5	1
Immanuel, Milton.	Rev. S. B. Bostwick.	20					2	2	3	
Christ, Montpelier.	Rev. G. B. Manser.	27	75	51	126	7	2	9	10	1
Christ, Fairfax.	Rev. S. B. Bostwick.	10				2		2	13	
Trinity, Fairfield.									2	
Union, St. Alban's.	Rev. W. H. Hoit.	43	143	96	239	6	22	28	11	4
St. John's, Highgate.									3	
Grace, Sheldon.										
Christ, Enosburgh.	Rev. M. Bingham.	15				2	14	16	8	4
Calvary, Berkshire.	Rev. E. H. Sayles.	32	80	60	140	1	3	4	2	4
Union, Montgomery.	Rev. E. H. Sayles.	40	95	67	162	4	4	8	6	1
St. John's, Derby-Line.										
		689	1415	354	2372	97	163	260	192	2

IV.

DOCHIAL REPORTS.

Communicants.					Catechu's.			Contributions.						
Added anew.	Removed into pariah.	Removed from pariah.	Died.	Present number.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Alms at Communion.	Diocesan Missions.	Gen'l Missions		Contingent Fund of the Diocese	Other purposes.	Total.
9	2		2	40	12	20	32			3.25	3.25	6.00	20.00	32.50
9				90					6.72	20.00	20.00	16.00	27.12	89.84
26		1	3	63	19	42	61	21.00		3.81			35.00	59.81
		2	2	146			75	46.85	50.00	26.00		10.00		132.85
7	2			33										
27	3	3		73	8	10	18	21.90				3.00		24.90
12				63	20	30	50	31.00		15.50	15.50	8.00		70.00
1	1	2		22					11.77	5.00	3.00	4.00	1000.00	1023.77
6	1	5	1	44	11	20	31	17.65	3.65	6.00		5.00	3.10	35.40
				58				20.00				6.00		26.00
		5		33	7	10	17	18.85	15.00					33.85
				100			20					3.00		3.00
				11										
19	2	2	2	98				55.00	29.00	20.00			4.46	108.46
5	1	2	1	67			30	29.65	5.00	5.00		7.00		46.65
2			2											
7		17	3	111	14	26	40	72.53	107.88	65.44	8.75			254.60
5				9	6	5	11	6.62	2.61					9.23
3				9				4.00	2.54					6.63
10				15	22	35	57	6.25						6.25
14				29			21	(5.00)		2.50	2.50			5.00
15	2	8	1	95	21	36	57	50.20	106.43	29.44	18.00	10.00		214.07
		1		37			20		2.00	5.00	5.00		5.00	17.00
3	1			54	12	35	47	5.86				4.00	1.57	11.43
9		1		69			30	7.40				4.00	3.12	14.52
189	10	48	21	1379	152	269	617	399.85	362.60	206.94	76.00	86.00	1099.37	2225.76

APPENDIX V.

SUMMARY OF THE PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Parishes, whole number in the Diocese,	-	-	-	-	34
“ from which reports are given,	-	-	-	-	25
Families, (in 22 parishes)	-	-	-	-	689
adults,	1418				
children,	845				
not specified,	100				
total of persons, (in 17 parishes,)	-	-	-	-	2372
Baptisms, adults,	97				
children,	163				
total, (in 23 parishes,)	-	-	-	-	260
Confirmed, (in 24 parishes,)	-	-	-	-	192
Marriages, parishioners,	25				
non-parishioners,	10				
not specified,	8				
total, (in 21 parishes,)	-	-	-	-	43
Burials, parishioners,	47				
non-parishioners,	27				
not specified,	25				
total, (in 20 parishes,)	-	-	-	-	99
Communicants, added anew,	189				
removed into the parishes,	16				
removed from the parishes,	48				
died,	21				
present number, (in 24 parishes,)	-	-	-	-	1379
Catechumens, boys,	152				
girls,	269				
not specified,	196				
total, (in 17 parishes,)	-	-	-	-	617
Contributions, alms at Communion,	\$399.85	(in 16 parishes,)			
Diocesan Missions, - - - - -	362.60	(in 13 “)			
General Missions, Domestic,	206.94	(in 13 “)			
“ “ Foreign,	76.00	(in 8 “)			
Contingent Fund of the Diocese,	86.00	(in 13 “)			
* other purposes, - - - - -	1099.37	(in 9 “)			
Total, (in 22 parishes,)	-	-			\$2225.76

* \$1000 of the sum thus designated was for the building of a parish-church; taking which from the sum total, the amount remaining is \$1225.76: about the same as that of the last year.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION

OF THE CONVENTION OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE DIOCESE OF VERMONT.

ART. 1. The several Parishes in the State of Vermont, holding the Protestant Episcopal faith and discipline, unite in a Convention, which shall be entitled, "The Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Vermont."

ART. 2. This Convention shall be composed of Clergymen and Lay delegates from the several Parishes, in such number and possessing such qualifications, as the Convention by canon may prescribe.

ART. 3. This Convention acknowledges subordination to the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and obedience due to its Constitution and Canons.

CANONS.

(PROPOSED FOR ADOPTION.)

CANON I.

Of the Convention.

§ 1. The annual meeting of the Convention shall be holden in the Church nearest the residence of the Bishop on the fourth Wednesday in August, unless the previous Convention have directed that it be held elsewhere.

§ 2. The Convention shall be composed of the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese, in the manner following :

Every clergyman having been admitted canonically, as a resident of the Diocese for one year previous to the meeting of Convention, and hav-

ing become regularly connected with some parish in the same, or being a professor in some college, or incorporated seminary of learning, or being engaged as a Missionary or a Theological Professor under the authority of the Diocese, shall be a member of the Convention.

Every parish organized as required by the canon shall be entitled to a delegation according to the following ratio, viz: If it contains three male communicants, it shall be entitled to one delegate; if ten male communicants, it shall be entitled to two delegates; if twenty male communicants, it shall be entitled to three delegates; if forty male communicants, it shall be entitled to four delegates; and if eighty male communicants, it shall be entitled to five delegates.

Provided, always, that no unbaptized person, and no person under ecclesiastical censure or process, whether clergyman or layman, shall be allowed a seat in the Convention.

§ 3. The Convention, in its ordinary mode of transacting business, shall deliberate and vote without distinction of orders; but a division being called for and sustained by three members, on a question in debate, then the question shall be put first to the clergy and next to the laity; and in such case a majority of both orders shall be necessary to constitute a vote of the Convention.

§ 4. The Bishop, without whose approval no enactment of the Convention shall take effect, shall preside in the Convention *ex officio*. In his absence, or in a vacancy of the Episcopate, the president of the Standing Committee shall preside; in whose absence the Convention shall choose a chairman from the clergy present. A Secretary, Treasurer, Standing Committee, and Delegates to the General Convention shall be chosen at each annual meeting of the Convention.

§ 5. Of the officers above named, the Chairman, the Secretary, and the Treasurer shall always be chosen by a joint vote of the two orders. The clerical members of the delegation to the General Convention shall be elected by the clergy alone. The lay members of the delegation shall be elected by the laity alone. All elections shall be by ballot.

§ 6. When a Bishop is to be elected, the Convention shall vote in distinct orders. The clergy shall make a nomination by ballot; and the laity, voting by parishes, each parish being entitled to one vote, shall concur in order to constitute an election.

§ 7. When the Bishop, or in a vacancy of the Episcopate, the Standing Committee, shall deem it expedient to call a special Convention, five weeks notice shall be given to every minister and to one of the wardens of each parish in the Diocese. And the notice shall express the special object or objects, for which said Convention is summoned; and no other subject shall be proposed or determined upon in said Convention.

§ 8. To constitute a quorum of the Convention for ordinary purposes it

shall be necessary, that there be present seven, at least, of the clergy, and seven, at least, of the laity. In the absence of the bishop such number shall not be competent to the transaction of business beyond the receiving of the usual reports and the electing of the ordinary officers. To the valid election of a Bishop it shall be necessary that two thirds of the clergy, and lay delegates from a majority of all the parishes entitled to a representation, be present in Convention.

CANON II.

Of the Secretary and Treasurer.

§ 1. The secretary of the Convention, besides the duties customarily belonging to his office, shall prepare, under the direction of the Bishop, at least one week before the meeting of the Convention, a list of all clergymen canonically resident in the Diocese; annexing respectively their stations in the service of the Church, or their residence if not engaged, and stating whether they are Priests or Deacons,—but not inserting the name of any clergyman suspended from the ministry. This list shall be laid before the Convention immediately after it shall have been called to order, and the names of the clerical members shall be called therefrom.

§ 2. The Treasurer shall perform the duties customarily belonging to that office, and shall have his accounts duly audited by two members of the standing committee, at the meeting of the Convention in every year.

§ 3. In case of vacancy in either of these offices the ecclesiastical authority shall, by appointment, supply the same for the time; and the person or persons so appointed shall be authorized to take and keep possession of funds, papers, &c., until the next meeting of the Convention.

CANON III.

Of Attendance at Convention.

It shall be the duty of every person, who shall be, or be chosen, a member of the convention, to attend its sessions punctually. Clergymen disregarding this duty may be presented for ecclesiastical censure, and Parishes neglecting to send delegates for two successive Conventions, may, on motion, be stricken from the list until a satisfactory apology shall be rendered.

CANON IV.

Rules of Order of the Convention.

§ 1. The morning prayer of the Church shall be publicly performed every day during the session of the Convention.

§ 2. When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing or afterwards stand up, except to address the chair.

§ 3. When any member is about to speak, or deliver any matter to the house, he shall respectfully address himself to the President, confining his remarks to the point in debate.

§ 4. No member, while speaking or delivering any matter to the house, shall be interrupted, except on a point of order.

§ 5. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the house.

§ 6. While the President is putting a question, the members shall continue in their seats, and shall not hold private discourse.

§ 7. No question shall be considered as before the house, unless it be seconded, and, if required, reduced to writing.

§ 8. Where a motion is under consideration, no other motion shall be made except to amend, to divide, to commit, to lay on the table, or postpone it; but a motion to adjourn shall always be in order, and shall be decided without debate.

§ 9. All committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise ordered.

§ 10. When the house is about to rise, every member shall keep his place until the President leaves the chair.

CANON V.

Of the raising of funds for the contingent purposes of the Convention.

At each annual meeting of the Convention there shall be appointed a committee consisting of three clergymen and four laymen, whose duty it shall be, first, to form, after consultation with the Treasurer, an estimate of the amount of funds needed by the Convention; and then, to assess each Parish in such sum as they in their discretion shall deem fair and equitable, regard being had to the ability of the several Parishes. Such assessments, being reported to the Convention and approved, shall be required to be paid by the respective Parishes to the treasurer at the next ensuing Convention. Any Parish failing, without reasonable cause, to make this payment for two successive Conventions, may be admonished by resolution, or even be stricken from the list of Parishes, until the rendering of due satisfaction, as the Convention, in view of the circumstances, may think proper.

CANON VI.

Of the publication of the proceedings of the Convention.

The proceedings of each Convention shall be published by the secretary, under the supervision of the Bishop, as soon as practicable after

the close of each session, the expense being charged to the Convention fund. And the secretary shall send eight copies to each clergyman in the Diocese, and one copy to each warden and vestryman of every Parish; also, one to each Bishop of the American Church, and one to each secretary of Convention in the several Dioceses.

CANON VII.

Of the organization of Parishes.

New Parishes, in order to be admitted into connection with the Convention, shall present to the Bishop a written instrument containing their articles of association, and signed by the male members of the association. From this instrument it must appear, that they are so organized as to be entitled to the privileges of a distinct religious society by the laws of the State; and further, that they adopt, receive, and promise entire conformity to the constitution and canons of the Diocese of Vermont. Such document being received and approved by the Bishop and Standing Committee, or by the Convention, such association shall be recognized as a Parish of the Diocese, and be entitled to a delegation in the Convention. *Provided*, That no Parish shall be entitled to vote in the election of a Bishop at the same Convention, which recognized it as a parish of the Diocese.

CANON VIII.

Of the election and duty of Wardens and Vestrymen.

§ 1. There shall be a meeting of every Parish on Easter Monday, in every year, for the purpose of electing by ballot either five or seven persons of sober life and conversation, for Vestrymen, to serve until the following Easter Monday, and until their places shall be supplied by another election. *Provided*, That no person shall be entitled to vote for said Vestrymen, who has not signed the articles of association, by which the Parish holds its connexion with the Convention of the Diocese.

§ 2. Notice of this election shall be given by the Minister after morning prayer, on the day before, being Easter Sunday, or during his absence by the senior Warden, or by such person as shall have officiated in the reading of the Church service. And the Minister, if a Rector, or in his absence, the senior Warden, shall preside at the election.

§ 3. The Vestry, when elected, together with the Secretary and Treasurer of the former Vestry, shall meet at a time and place appointed by the Rector, or in his absence, by the senior Warden of the former Vestry; the time being always within the same week. And the Rector shall preside at this and every meeting of the Vestry, and shall open the proceedings with appropriate collects from the Liturgy. But if the Rector be absent, or

the Parish be vacant, then the senior Warden shall preside and perform the same duty. The first act of the new Vestry shall be to appoint the two Wardens from their own number; one of which, the senior warden, shall be designated by the Rector if there be one, while the junior warden shall be elected by the vestrymen. The Vestry shall also elect a Secretary and a Treasurer. And as soon as these appointments are made, the secretary of the former Vestry shall deliver to the new secretary, the records of the Parish, and the treasurer shall deliver over funds and transfer accounts. The Wardens and Vestry shall then proceed to the election of one or more delegates from their own body to represent the parish in the ensuing Convention of the Diocese.

§ 4. It is the duty of the Wardens and Vestry, to consider and determine upon the election of a minister, if the parish be vacant; to see that he be well provided for and punctually paid; to make and execute all contracts for the erection, the furnishing, the repair, and the due preservation of the church edifice, the parsonage, and other parish property; to regulate the use of the grave yard; to employ an organist or chorister; to employ a sexton, and generally to transact, as the constituted representatives and authorized agents of the Parish, all the temporal business connected with the objects for which the Parish was organized, in such way and manner as the Parish may, by vote or by-laws, authorize and direct. For these purposes they shall hold such meetings as the Rector, or in his absence the senior Warden may deem necessary, due notice being given by the secretary, or by the Rector from the desk, on the previous Sunday.

§ 5. It is the special duty of the Wardens, to provide out of the parish funds, the elements for the celebration of the Lord's Supper; to collect the alms offered at the same; to attend to the due preparation of the church for every occasion of public worship; to see that it is kept duly warmed, ventilated, cleaned and in good repair; to provide proper garments and books to be used by the minister in public worship; to regulate and superintend the mode in which the sexton, door-keeper or other inferior officers of the church, perform their duty; to attend to the accommodation of the congregation with seats, and to repress all disorder in time of worship. In the fulfilment of these duties the Vestrymen shall render such assistance as the Wardens may require.

CANON IX.

Of the Standing Committee and Council of Advice.

§ 1. At every annual Convention five Presbyters shall be elected as the Standing Committee, and Council of Advice to the Bishop. They shall elect from their own body a president and a secretary. They may meet

on their own adjournment from time to time ; and the president shall have power to summon special meetings whenever he shall deem it necessary.

§ 2. It shall be the duty of the secretary to keep a regular record of all the proceedings of the Committee in a book, which shall belong to the registry of the Diocese ; and which, together with all papers in possession of the Committee, shall be open to the inspection of the Bishop and the Convention, when required.

§ 3. The Standing Committee shall be summoned on the requisition of the Bishop, whenever he shall wish for their advice ; and they may meet of their own accord and agreeably to their own rules, whenever they may be disposed to give their advice to the Bishop.

§ 4. In case the Episcopate shall become vacant, it shall be the duty of the President of the Standing Committee to call a meeting of the same forthwith ; and after consultation as to time and place, to summon a special Convention of the Diocese, as soon as may be, to elect a successor.

CANON X.

Of the caution to be used by those who sign the certificates of Candidates for Orders.

The peace and edification of the Church and the honor of the Gospel requiring the exclusion of unworthy and incompetent men from the office of the ministry, care shall be taken, that the certificates given to candidates be in all cases founded on reasonable evidence of the facts therein alleged. And if, in any case, it be found, that they have been signed rashly and unadvisedly, the signers, whether clergymen or laymen, shall be liable to ecclesiastical censure.

CANON XI.

Of Diocesan Missions.

For the furtherance of the interests of the Gospel in this Diocese by the aiding of feeble Parishes and the forming of new ones, the Bishop, with the advice and concurrence of the Standing Committee, or a majority of its members, is empowered to draw from the Treasury of the Convention, and appropriate, such moneys as may be contributed by Christian people for that purpose. A report of the labors performed under such appropriations shall be laid before the Convention annually by the Bishop. And it is hereby earnestly recommended to the several Parishes in the Diocese, to raise by monthly or quarterly collections, or such other methods as the clergy, by advice of their respective vestries, may deem expedient, and transmit to the Treasurer, liberal contributions for this purpose.

CANON XII.

Of the Continuance of Officers in Office.

In all cases whatever of failure or omission to elect officers, whether by Conventions or by Parishes, the persons last elected shall continue to serve till others are chosen.

CANON XIII.

Of the Administration of Ecclesiastical Justice.

§ 1. There shall be no trial of a clergyman without a regular presentment made by the Standing Committee.

§ 2. In all cases of presentment a copy of the charge or charges, with the proper specifications, together with a citation to appear and answer, shall be served on the party accused in the manner herein-after provided.

§ 3. The regular place of trial, and the office for the records of all ecclesiastical proceedings, shall be the dwelling-house of the Bishop. But, in a vacancy of the Episcopate, the Standing Committee shall appoint the place for those purposes. The Bishop, by and with the concurrence of the Standing Committee, may designate for the trial any place within the Diocese.

§ 4. The testimony adduced upon the trial shall be in writing, on oath or affirmation, taken on due notice to the parties, either by a commissary appointed for that purpose by the ecclesiastical authority, or in the manner of commissions or depositions in civil cases. But this provision shall not prevent the appearance of the witnesses, and the delivery of their testimony orally on the trial, whenever it shall be preferred by either party.

§ 5. Advocates or proctors shall be allowed on both sides, at the pleasure of the parties, not exceeding two on each side, provided they are clergymen canonically resident in the Diocese, or laymen who have been communicants of some parish in the same, at least two years before the trial. The proctor or proctors on the part of the presentment shall be appointed by the Standing Committee. The names of the advocates or proctors shall appear at the foot of the presentment and the answer respectively; and notice of all subsequent proceedings given to the proctors shall be considered notice to the party.

§ 6. The Bishop shall preside as judge on all trials; and where the party accused is a clergyman, not less than three, nor more than seven presbyters shall be assessors with him, the names of which presbyters shall be selected by the party accused out of a list of twelve prepared by the Bishop; provided, always, that the presbyters selected shall be unconnected with said party by relationship or marriage, and shall

declare, under their signature, that their minds are in no way committed to a pre-judgment of the case. On the verdict of these assessors, or a majority of them, the Bishop shall rest his judgment ; or he may, if he thinks proper, order a new trial. And the sentence which he pronounces shall be recorded before the rising of the court. Provided, always, that if the Bishop be related to the accused, or if he have any personal interest involved in the issue, he may, with the advice and consent of the Standing Committee, request some other Bishop to preside on the trial. If the Episcopate be vacant, the Standing Committee shall request the services of such Bishop as they may choose. Where the party accused is a layman, the assessors, in number not less than three nor more than seven, shall be selected by him out of the wardens and vestrymen of any two Parishes which the Bishop shall name, under the same provision for the securing of impartial justice as in the case of the presbyters aforesaid. In the case of a layman accused, the presentment may be made by the aggrieved party, or by the minister of the Parish where the accused resides.

§ 7. In all cases of presentment, where the party accused shall neglect or refuse to appear and answer, or to select the assessors, or to do any other act which shall be necessary to a fair and full investigation of the cause, according to equity and justice and the course of ecclesiastical proceedings, sentence of contumacy shall be declared against him ; and if he be a layman, he shall be suspended from all religious ordinances ; and, if a clergyman, he shall be suspended from the exercise of the ministry. And these sentences shall stand in force, in the cases respectively, until the party consent to a trial.

§ 8. All citations and notices in every ecclesiastical proceeding, whether to parties or witnesses, may be served either personally or by leaving a copy thereof at their residences respectively ; the time between the day of service and the day of appearance being not less than twenty days over and above the ordinary time required to travel to the place of appearance.

And in case there is reason to believe that a minister, against whom any ecclesiastical proceeding has been instituted, has departed from the United States, or that the place of his sojourn cannot be conveniently ascertained, then it shall be sufficient to have a copy of the citation published three times in some newspaper printed at the seat of government of the State in which he last resided, and also three times in some newspaper printed at the seat of government of the State of Vermont, at least six months before the day of appearance.

CANON XIV.

Of the alteration of Canons.

Forasmuch as frequent legislation, or any needless change in the rules and regulations of the Church, is to be avoided, as being both troublesome and dangerous, it is hereby declared that no alteration in the Canons of the Diocese shall be made, unless it be approved by the Convention on one day, and confirmed by a majority of both orders on a following day. It is also declared that no new Canon, or alteration of a Canon, shall take effect till after the final adjournment of the Convention which passed it, without a concurrent vote of two-thirds of the clergy and two-thirds of the laity.



NOTICE.

THE next annual Convention of this Diocese will be holden in *Upper Church*, St. Alban's, on the third Wednesday of September, 1844.

WM. HENRY HOIT,
Secretary.

Form of Certificate for Lay-Delegates.

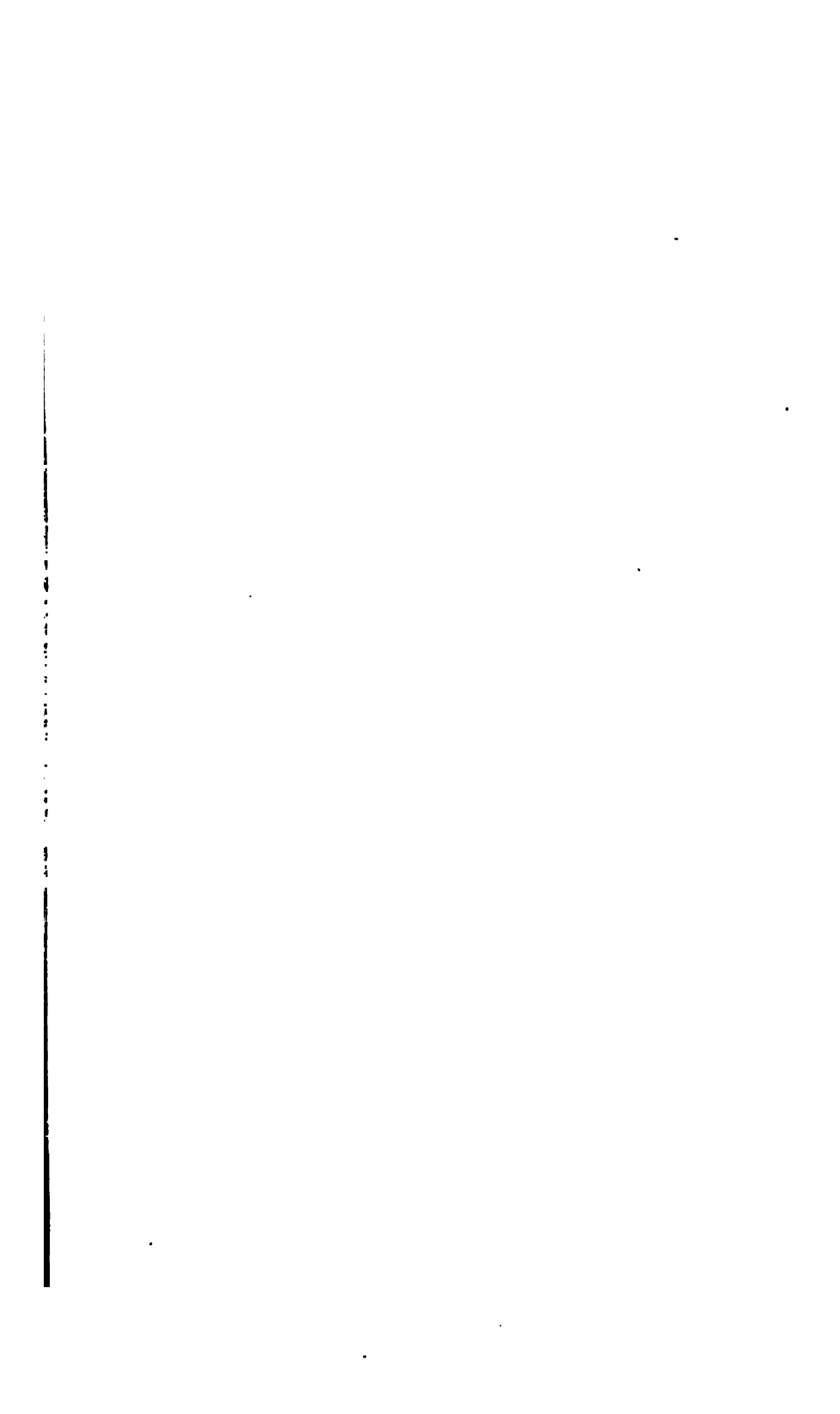
"I hereby certify, that, at a meeting of the Vestry of — Church, ———, holden, as the Canon directs, on Easter Monday, in the year of our Lord ———, A. D. and C. D., &c., Members of the Vestry, were duly elected Delegates to represent the said Parish in the ensuing Convention of the Diocese.

"N. M., *Secretary of the Vestry.*"

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HELD IN
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UNION CHURCH, ST. ALBAN'S, }
September 18th, 1844. }

THIS being the day appointed for the meeting of the Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Vermont, the Bishop, Clergy, and Lay Delegates from the Parishes assembled in Union Church, St. Alban's, and at nine o'clock, A. M., the Convention was called to order by the Rt. Rev. Bishop of the Diocese, who took the Chair, *ex officio*; the Rev. Wm. Henry Hoit being Secretary.

On calling the list of the Clergy entitled to seats in the Convention, and of the Parishes entitled to representation therein, a quorum of both Clergy and Laity was found to be present, and the Convention was duly organized.

The Clergy present were

The Rt. Rev. John Henry Hopkins, D. D.,	
The Rev. Moore Bingham,	The Rev. Wm. Henry Hoit,
“ Rev. Samuel B. Bostwick,	“ Rev. George B. Manser,
“ Rev. Joel Clap,	“ Rev. Nath'l O. Preston,
“ Rev. Charles Cleveland,	“ Rev. Ezekiel H. Sayles,
“ Rev. Henry M. Davis,	“ Rev. W. D. Wilson.

The Lay Delegates present were Messrs.

Amon Bailey,	}	from St. John's Church, Poultney,
Albert H. Bailey,		
Nahum Parker,	}	" St. Stephen's Church, Middle- bury,
Edw. Wainwright,		
Jedediah S. Bushnell,		
Jonathan C. Thrall,	"	Trinity Church, Rutland,
Cyrus Booth,	"	St. Paul's Church, Vergennes,
Thomas P. Russell,	"	Christ Church, Bethel,
Orange Ferris.	}	" Union Church, St. Alban's,
Asa O. Aldis,		
Gardner G. Smith,		
Rufus Hamilton,	"	Union Church, Montgomery.

On motion, *resolved*, That Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church, not canonically entitled to seats in this Convention, all Clergymen of the Church of England, and all Candidates for Holy Orders in this Church, who may be present, be, and hereby are, invited to attend the sittings of the Convention.

The Rev. Messrs. John A. Fitch, Joseph F. Phillips, and Edwin F. Putnam, of this Diocese, and the Rev. Messrs. C. Morice, James Jones, and Micajah Townsend, of Canada East, were present, and took seats in the Convention under the above resolution.

The Convention then proceeded to the choice of Secretary and Treasurer: the Rev. Wm. Henry Hoit was re-elected Secretary, and Nahum Parker, Esq., Treasurer.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to attend Divine service, and to meet again at half past 2 o'clock, P. M.

Morning prayer was said by the Rev. Joel Clap, assisted in the reading of the lessons by the Rev. Micajah Townsend, and the sermon preached by the Rev. W. D. Wilson; after which the Holy Eucharist was celebrated, and the Communion administered by the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Clap.

2½ P. M., OF THE SAME DAY.

The Convention then re-assembled, pursuant to adjournment.

The following Lay Delegates, not present in the morning, appeared and took their seats in the Convention, viz: Messrs.

Artemas Robbins,	from Immanuel Ch. Bellows' Falls,
Hubbard Chittenden,	" Trinity Church, Shelburne,
Geo. B. Shaw,	" St. Paul's Church, Burlington,
Andrew Buck,	" Christ Church, Fairfax,
Lyman Royce,	" Trinity Church, Fairfield,
Caleb Mead,	" St. John's Church, Highgate,
Joseph Fairbank,	} " Grace Church, Sheldon,
John Goodsil,	
Rollin Eaton,	} " Christ Church, Enosburgh,
Caleb R. Brewer,	
Dolphus Paull,	} " Calvary Church, Berkshire.
M. J. Catlin,	
Denis Sampson,	

The Rt. Rev. Bishop of the Diocese then delivered his annual

ADDRESS.

BELOVED BRETHREN, THE CLERGY AND LAITY OF THIS CONVENTION:

WE are again assembled, under the favor of Divine Providence, in our diocesan Convention, to hear the annual reports, and consult together for the welfare of that portion of the Church of Christ, which it has pleased him to commit to our care. Solemn—yea, awful—is the responsibility of such a stewardship. Blessed—yea, glorious—is the promised reward, if we are found faithful in the day of account with our gracious Master. May the Holy Spirit vouchsafe to us the influence of his presence, awakening in all our

hearts the consciousness of our sins and infirmities, and arousing us to renewed effort, in humble dependence on the love and power of our adorable Redeemer, God over all, blessed forever !

My first duty is to set before you the record of my official acts since our last Convention, next I shall state the changes and the present condition of the diocese, and lastly suggest the topics on which your action seems most needed at the present session.

The Confirmations of the past year commenced with my own parish, St. Paul's Church, Burlington. April, 5th 1844, being Good-Friday, I confirmed eight persons; and May 26th, being the Festival of Whitsunday, I confirmed seven more; making the whole number fifteen, in that congregation.

June 2nd, being the Festival of the Holy Trinity, I visited Trinity Church, Shelburne, performed divine service and preached. But I was grieved to find that the Rector, Rev. Charles Cleveland, had been confined to his room for some weeks by a severe lameness, in consequence of which he had no candidates prepared for confirmation. For this reason I made a second visitation to his parish, on the afternoon of Sunday last, when I preached, and confirmed four persons.

Monday, June 3d, I visited St. Paul's Church, Vergennes, preached, and confirmed four persons; the rector, Rev. H. M. Davis, assisting.

Tuesday, June 4th, I visited St. Stephen's Church, Middlebury, preached, and confirmed three persons. And the following morning, Wednesday, at the request of the vestry, I instituted the Rev. Jos. F. Phillips as Rector, with much thankfulness that this interesting parish had the vacancy created by the resignation of their former pastor, so soon and so happily supplied.

The same day, June 5th 1844, I visited St. Thomas' Church, Brandon, preached, and confirmed one person. At

the time of our last report, the Rev. Josiah Perry was the Rector of this parish, but the state of his health obliged him soon afterwards to seek the more genial climate of Florida. His place, however, had become supplied by Rev. Saml. B. Bostwick, who assisted me in the services.

Thursday, June 6th, I visited Trinity Church, Rutland, preached, and confirmed four persons, the Rector, Rev. John A. Hicks, assisting.

Friday, June 7th, I visited the new society organized last year under the ministry of Rev. N. W. Camp, by the name of St. James' Church, Castleton, and preached in the Congregational house of worship, which was kindly granted for the occasion ; the Rev. Mr. Daniels, of Hampton, N. Y., assisting.

Saturday, June 8th, I proceeded to St. John's Church, Poultney, whose late Rector, Rev. Mr. Camp, had taken letters dimissory to the diocese of Mississippi. Here I held an evening service, and again, on the following morning, I preached a second time, and administered the holy Eucharist, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Daniels, who officiated alternately in this parish and in Hampton, but had his canonical residence in the diocese of New-York. The same day, being the first Sunday after Trinity, I visited St. Paul's Church, Wells, where I preached, the Rev. Mr. Daniels, assisting. Here, I was much afflicted to learn the malady of the Rector, Rev. Louis M' Donald, who had not been able to officiate for several weeks, and whose disease, I grieve to say, is such as to make it doubtful whether he will officiate for a long while to come.

Monday, June 10th, I visited Zion Church, Manchester, preached, and confirmed one person, assisted by Rev. Henry Blackaller, who had recently, to my great satisfaction, been elected to the rectorship of that interesting parish.

Tuesday, June 11th, I visited St. James' Church, Arlington, where I preached, and confirmed one person. I was

sorry to find this important parish vacant. The Rev. Anson B. Hard had accepted a call to the diocese of Pennsylvania some time previously, and the vestry had not yet been able to have this serious loss supplied. Here, also, I had the society and assistance of the Rev. Mr. Daniels, who had kindly conveyed me from Rutland, and had devoted a whole week to the service of my visitation. Alas! how little did either of us suppose that our earthly intercourse was closed forever. But it was even so. This young clergyman, full of hopeful promise, was buried on the last Lord's day, a solemn admonition that we also be ready, for we know neither the day nor the hour when our Lord cometh.

Wednesday, June 12th, I visited St. Peter's Church, Bennington, and preached.

Thursday, June 13th, I crossed the mountain in season to hold divine service at four o'clock, in Christ Church, Guilford, where I preached, and confirmed seven persons, the Rector, Rev. Augustus Wadleigh, assisting.

Friday, June 14th, I visited Immanuel Church, Bellows Falls, preached, and confirmed seven persons, the Rector, Rev. A. K. Putnam, assisting. Since our last convention, this important parish had been obliged to part with their former pastor, who, after a faithful and prosperous ministry of more than twenty years, was unanimously elected bishop of New Hampshire. Previous to his removal, however, measures were so judiciously taken to supply his place, that no actual vacancy occurred. The same Easter Sunday which closed the connexion of the old Rector, beheld the commencement of the new one, and all things wore their usual air of prosperity at the time of my visitation.

Saturday, June 15th, I proceeded to St. Paul's Church, Windsor, and preached, the Rector, Rev. W. D. Wilson, assisting. On the following day, being the second Sunday after Trinity, I preached a second time, and confirmed three persons.

From Windsor I travelled, in company with Rev. Mr. Wilson, to St James' Church, Woodstock, in season to hold service in the afternoon, where I preached and confirmed four persons ; the Rector, Rev. Joel Clap, assisting.

Monday, June 17th, I visited St. Paul's Church, Royalton, which is under the provisional charge of Rev. Mr. Clap, in consequence of the removal of Rev. N. Sprague, its former laborious and disinterested minister, to the diocese of New-Hampshire. Here I preached ; the rector assisting.

Tuesday, June 18th, I visited Christ Church, Bethel, and preached, the Rector, Rev. James Sabine, assisting.

Wednesday, June 19th, I visited the new society organized by the name of St. Andrew's Church, Rochester, where I performed service and preached in the Union meeting-house, to a considerable congregation, but very few of whom, however, had probably become acquainted with the system of the Church.

Thursday, June 20th, I visited Grace Church, Randolph, performed divine service, and preached in the Congregational house of worship, with the same feeling of mingled surprise and regret which has attended many of my visits to this interesting society, arising from the fact that they have neither minister nor church-edifice, notwithstanding an apparent ability and good-will to have both, and to sustain them with zeal and profit. I humbly hope and pray that these wants may be soon supplied.

After a short interval spent in my own parish, I resumed my visitation of the diocese on Monday, July 8th, at Union Church, St. Alban's, where I preached, and confirmed two persons, the Rector, Rev. W. H. Hoit, assisting. And yesterday evening, in your presence, I confirmed five more, making seven altogether in this congregation.

Tuesday, July 9th, I visited Trinity Church, Fairfield, preached and baptized an infant, Rev. John A. Fitch, who accompanied me, assisting. In the afternoon I proceeded to

Christ-Church, Fairfax, and performed divine service at the school-house, in Buck-hollow.

Wednesday, July 10th, I travelled in company with Rev. Mr. Fitch, to Christ Church, Enosburgh, being somewhat behind my time in consequence of a violent storm. Here I preached, however, to a considerable congregation, and confirmed four persons, the Rector, Rev. Moore Bingham, and Rev. Mr. Fitch, assisting.

Thursday, July 11th, I proceeded along with Mr. Fitch to Calvary Church, Berkshire, where I preached, and confirmed one person. And in the afternoon of the same day, I visited Union Church, Montgomery, preached and confirmed two persons. Rev. E. H. Sayles, who is the Rector of both these parishes, and the Rev. Mr. Fitch, assisted in the services.

Friday, July 12th, I visited Grace Church, Sheldon, where the Rev. John A. Fitch officiates one-half the time. Here I preached to a considerable congregation, and confirmed one person. The following day I proceeded to St. John's Church, Highgate, where Mr. Fitch officiates the other half of his time. And on the 14th July, being the sixth Sunday after Trinity, I preached in this interesting parish, morning and afternoon, and administered the Holy Eucharist, Rev. Mr. Fitch assisting. I thus closed my visitation of the Churches north of Burlington, being indebted to my reverend brother for his care and kind attention through the whole of my way.

Wednesday, August 28th, I visited Christ Church, Montpelier, preached, and confirmed six persons, the Rector, Rev. George B. Manser, assisting.

The whole number of confirmations in the diocese during the past year amounts only to 75. Here is a serious diminution. In the year 1842, our number was 230, in 1843 it was 192, and in 1844 it is 75. For this decrease many causes might be assigned, but perhaps the chief is to be found in the fact that we have had so large a number of ministerial

changes. Royalton, Bellows Falls, Bennington, Arlington, Poultney, Brandon, and Middlebury, have all undergone this inevitable but hurtful process since our last Convention. Notwithstanding this, however, our return to the approaching General Convention will show a gratifying increase for the last twelve years. For I find, on a retrospect of this matter, commencing with the General Convention of 1832, that the number of confirmations during the three years previous to that date had been 234. At the next Convention, in 1835, they amounted to 483. The next report in 1838 was 304. The next in 1841 was only 259; while our report in 1844 will be 497, more than double what it was in 1832, though still far from what it should be. The whole number of confirmations since I entered upon my episcopate, being somewhat less than twelve years, is 1543.

On Wednesday, the 27th of March, 1844, I ordained to the holy Order of Deacons the Rev. John A. Fitch, who has since officiated at Highgate and Sheldon. It is the only ordination since the last convention.

Our candidates for Holy Orders are only two, Messrs. Swett and Bailey, the same reported at our last convention.

The changes in our ministry have been numerous, viz.

The Rev. Samuel B. Bostwick has resigned the infant parishes of Jericho and Milton, and has become the Rector of St. Thomas' Church, Brandon.

The Rev. Norman W. Camp has resigned the parish of St. John's Church, Poultney, and taken letters dimissory to the diocese of Mississippi. His place at Poultney was partly supplied by half the services of Rev. Mr. Daniels, of Hampton, New York, until his decease. It is now vacant.

The Rev. Carlton Chase has resigned the parish of Immanuel Church, Bellows Falls, in consequence of his election as Bishop of New Hampshire, to which diocese he has been transferred. His place at Bellows Falls has been supplied by Rev. A. K. Putnam.

The Rev. William F. Halsey, whose health obliged him to travel to the South previous to the last convention, has since been dismissed, at his request, to the diocese of Georgia.

The Rev. Anson B. Hard has resigned his parish at Arlington, and taken letters dimissory to the diocese of Pennsylvania.

The Rev. Jedediah Huntington was compelled by ill health to resign his parish at Middlebury, and has since taken letters dimissory to the diocese of South Carolina. His place at Middlebury is supplied by Rev. Joseph F. Phillips.

The Rev. N. W. Munroe has taken letters dimissory to the diocese of New York.

The Rev. Josiah Perry has been obliged, by ill-health, to become a resident in Florida, and has been accordingly transferred to that diocese.

The Rev. Nathaniel Sprague has resigned his parish at Royalton, and taken letters dimissory to the diocese of New Hampshire: as also has been done by the Rev. O. H. Staples.

Nine clergymen in one year, therefore, have left the diocese. Two of these, however, Messrs. Munroe and Staples, although canonically belonging to our list, were not connected with any of our parishes. Two others have left us, from the insufficiency of their pecuniary support. Four were induced to leave for the sake of health, and one has been called to the office of the Episcopate.

On the other hand we have received five additions to our list, Rev. Messrs. Phillips and Putnam, from the diocese of New York; Rev. Henry Blackaller, from the diocese of Massachusetts; the Rev. John A. Fitch, ordained Deacon in this diocese, and the Rev. E. F. Putnam, a Deacon from the diocese of Virginia, who has recently commenced his ministry in the parishes of Fairfield and Fairfax. And the practical result is, that although we have fewer clergymen on our list, yet we have also fewer parishes vacant than we had last

year. Highgate, Sheldon, Fairfield, Fairfax, and Manchester, which were then vacant, are now supplied, while Poultney and Arlington, which were then supplied, are now vacant. This apparent paradox is easily understood, however, when it is remembered that there were several clergymen upon the list whose labors and whose actual residence were out of the diocese, and there were some parishes endeavoring vainly to secure the whole time of a clergyman which are now satisfied with the half.

Our present list of ministers, therefore, consists of twenty-three, instead of twenty-seven. And of these, only twenty are operative in the regular discharge of parochial duty. Rev. Messrs. Peck and Thompson do not officiate regularly, on account of their health. And Rev. Alexander H. Cull, I am sorry to say, stands suspended for contumacy. He was presented by the standing committee on charges of a very grave and melancholy character; and after waiting for a considerable period in the expectation that he would avail himself of the general canon which allows of the voluntary resignation of the ministry, I was compelled to issue a citation directing him to appear and answer the complaint according to the due course of ecclesiastical law. This he has failed to do, and therefore the sentence of suspension stands recorded against him, which remains in force, until he shall come forward and consent to a trial.

Most of you, brethren, are doubtless aware, that the affairs of the Church at large, whether in England, Ireland, Scotland, or the United States, have been a subject of intense and peculiar interest during the past year. In certain quarters of our own country, an excitement has grown out of the theology of the Oxford Tracts, which invests the approaching General Convention of our Church with an importance, far beyond what has hitherto marked the meetings of that body. In my individual capacity, I have endeavored to perform what I conceived to be my duty, by publishing my views of

sundry questions now involved in controversy, on my personal and official responsibility. But now, as you have also a potential voice in the proceedings of the General Convention, through the delegates which you may appoint to represent your judgment, and whom, if you think fit, you have a perfect right to govern by your instructions, it becomes imperative on me to state the course which I shall pursue as a member of the House of Bishops, in order that you may either secure the co-operation of your representatives in the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, if you approve that course; or may, if you think it best, leave it to their own discretion.

In the first place, then, I shall not consider it either necessary or advisable to call for any measure, which shall directly censure the official decisions of my brethren. But I do consider myself bound to advocate some distinct expression of our judgment, which, although it may not, in terms, advert to the past, may yet, under God, guard the Church from any recurrence of similar difficulties for the future.

Secondly, however, and chiefly, I shall endeavor to obtain the appointment of a joint committee of both houses, for the purpose of preparing a complete and thorough system of Ecclesiastical Law, which shall unite the whole Church together in the bonds of wholesome discipline, as effectually as we are now bound together in our faith and worship. And I beg leave to state, for your better satisfaction, the aspect of this question, which has long been familiar to my own mind; being substantially the same which I published in my book, called the Primitive Church, more than nine years ago.

That we profess, in all points of importance, to follow the rule of Scripture, the system of the Apostles, and the fathers of the primitive Church, is familiar to every Episcopalian. But our present organization, by which every single bishop, with his diocesan convention around him, performs the very

serious work of enacting constitutions and canons for the diocese, is neither scriptural, nor apostolic, nor primitive. Indeed, to say the truth, it is a perfect novelty : for no such thing was ever heard of in the Church of Christ as a canon confirmed by the authority of only one bishop, until the formation of our American system, in A. D. 1789. It is not to be doubted that this peculiarity grew out of the desire to conform the system of the Church, so far as might be practicable, to the political confederation of the United States. And I am far from desiring to cast the slightest censure upon our venerated predecessors, because they thought this new kind of Church polity was recommended by prudence or expediency. But while it is our duty to make every allowance for the peculiar circumstances of their day, I cannot, for my own part, perceive that we have gained the slightest benefit by this departure from the primitive system. For certain it is that it is a departure, and a very serious one. Since the rise of the Gospel we may in vain search the whole range of Church records for the passing of canons, unless in Councils consisting of many bishops, belonging, at the least, to one province, or one patriarchate, or one arch-bishoprick, which contained many dioceses. And, therefore, if we would have the same conformity to the Church catholic or universal in this, that we justly claim to have in our faith and worship, we should commit our canons to the General Convention, which is the only body, on primitive principles, strictly entitled to the character of an Ecclesiastical Council.

Besides this great argument of conformity to the primitive principle of Church legislation, we should gain, in my humble judgment, many advantages by having only one code of canon law, as we have only one faith and one liturgy.

1. We should have a single set of canons to study, instead of having, as now, the general canons of the whole Church, and, in addition to these, the canons of each particular diocese.
2. There would be more dignity and weight in such

a code, when the work of legislation was confined to the highest assembly known to our system. 3. There would be more stability and completeness attained, because change would be more difficult, and the demands of the Church would bring more care and intellectual energy to the task of preparation. 4. There would be more unity of feeling, because this kind of unity is always less perfect amongst those who are not governed by the same laws. And lastly, there would be a far superior unity of administration, because each bishop would be necessarily guided by the same code. A proper system of appeals could then be used, as in the ancient Church, to secure unity of interpretation ; and thus we should be safe, comparatively speaking, from the dangers arising from those mistaken judgments, to which the best men are liable.

In the hope of seeing this suggestion carried into effect, I am disposed to let our own diocesan legislation rest as it is, until we see whether the General Convention will favor the appointment of such a committee. For although it were even likely that we could agree upon any alteration of our code for the Church in Vermont, at this time, it would hardly be worth the trouble and expense of printing it, if it were probable that it would be superseded in three years by the completion of a general system.

Should my hopes in this respect be frustrated, however, I shall cordially render my best assistance to the revision of our present system ; which, after all, will be found to need but little change, unless we desire to alter it for the sake of alteration. With respect to the revised system which was printed by order of our last Convention, I must distinctly say that I cannot conscientiously regard it as an improvement, and shall not feel myself at liberty to become accessory to any act which, in my judgment, would make our diocesan code worse, instead of better.

The whole difficulty arising out of the course of our com-

mittee might have been avoided, if a proper regard had been paid to the ecclesiastical head of the diocese in the preparation of the report. And I see no way now in which the object can be attained with the slightest prospect of harmonious action, unless the Convention will do again what was done in the preparation of our present code, by submitting the subject to another committee, with the understanding that they will act in conjunction with their bishop. This is the customary mode of proceeding in all such matters. It was the course taken by ourselves in the year 1835, and it was the course which I had every right to anticipate, when, by my own recommendation, a committee was appointed to prepare the late revision.

I am sorry to be obliged to add, as the result of further reflection on this unpleasant subject, that the committee have gone very far beyond the powers which either I intended, or the Convention resolved, to grant on that occasion. They were appointed to '*revise the Constitution and Canons*,' and this was the whole extent of their duty. But when they presented their report, they had stricken out the Constitution altogether. Surely it is a new way of revising an instrument, to expunge it entirely ! On my pointing out this, with other objections, at our last Convention, a draught of a Constitution was presented and now forms part of the report. To this it would take too long a time to specify all my objections. Let it suffice to say that it is not only a total departure from the Constitution which the Committee were only authorized to revise, but that it is unlike any Constitution of any other diocese, and seems especially faulty in this : that it does not contain a single principle which can properly be called *Constitutional*. If such extraordinary changes as this come within the true scope of the term "revision," I must confess myself quite ignorant of the meaning of the word.

The same remark may be fairly applied to other legal pro-

visions of our system. The Committee was appointed to "revise" the existing code which had already obtained the unanimous approbation of the Convention ; but no one, I presume, expected that in the execution of this power, they would blot out whole sections, (see Can. x. § 2, Can. ix, and Art. 7th, 8th, and 9th of the Constitution) change important principles, (see Can. xiv, §1, Can. xvi, at the beginning, and, in effect, lay before us, not the old Constitution and Canons revised, but a new code, containing, indeed, much of the same material, only so transformed in its whole order and arrangement, that I, who have, perhaps, the best right to be familiar with it, would never have recognized it as the same.

Now, I shall not say any thing, at present, about the comparative merits of this proposed system. But I do say that what the Committee have done is not what I recommended, nor what the Convention contemplated by the terms of their appointment. And therefore I do not think they can justly complain if I refuse to consent to any compromise. At our last Convention, as well as at the previous one, I distinctly made known my dissatisfaction, while, nevertheless, as a matter of accommodation, I proposed to waive my other objections, if the Committee would only restore certain matters to their proper place, and introduce an equal number of our Laity into the Standing Committee. With this proposal, however, the Committee did not think proper to comply, perhaps because they thought that as they had so lightly regarded their bishop in the beginning of their work, consistency required that they should regard him as lightly at its close. I cannot see, therefore, that under these circumstances, this report can claim any further allowance from me. Whatever influence I have hitherto yielded to feelings of personal delicacy in the matter, it behoves me to take heed of the apostle's precept to Timothy, the first bishop of Ephesus : *Let no man despise thee.* I trust that if we should be

obliged hereafter to recur to the work of revising our present system, which I hope the action of our General Convention will render unnecessary, it will be entered upon in a far better spirit of accordance with our ordination vows. I do not, indeed, anticipate that a similar incongruity will occur again. We are Episcopalians in theory, and it is our duty to see that we be Episcopalians in practice likewise; for although a theoretical episcopacy may do well enough for the work of controversy, it is only practical episcopacy which can hold the Church together, and preserve it, under God, in unity and peace.

As four years have elapsed since the Convention requested the Land Agents to increase my salary so as to allow of my employing an assistant minister in my parish at Burlington, it may perhaps be proper to suggest that this Convention should take into consideration the whole of this subject, fix the amount of my yearly allowance at a certain sum, as also the rate of my assistant, and send their vote through me to the parent society, with the request that they will give directions to the Board of Agents accordingly. This will be a much more dignified and orderly mode of proceeding than the leaving of the question to the small number of our present Board, the more especially as the bishop himself, being the presiding officer, cannot urge his own claims upon that Board, as it would be his duty to do, if he were in a different station. It would be a proper opportunity, also, to nominate some new Agents, several of the present Board having reached such a time of life that their future meeting with the Board is more than doubtful, and one is virtually removed, by being elected the bishop of New Hampshire. But in making these new appointments, I would strongly recommend that they be of the Laity; for the obvious reason that clergymen, by the nature of their office, are not so fit for the management of such a trust as men of skill in the business of the world, and besides this, they are, unhappily, in these evil

days, so often called to change their canonical residence, that we can hardly expect them to remain with us for many years together.

If any illustration of this remark be needed, we have only to look around us. Not twelve years have yet elapsed since I held my first Convention, and of those clergymen which then composed that body, there are but three remaining in the diocese at the present day, one of whom has been disabled from the labors of the ministry by ill-health for more than half that time. The rest of the clergymen who sat in that Convention are all living, however ; but they are gone to other portions of the vineyard, and some of them have occupied three different parishes during the period, in as many different States of the Union. A reasonable regard, therefore, to the probability of permanence, if there were no other argument, would seem to dictate the propriety of committing the management of this agency to those, who are more likely to continue in the same residence than our clergy are apt to do, in this degenerate age of fluctuation. You will not understand me, by these remarks, as expressing any new opinion on the cause of these frequent changes amongst our ministry. I have on former occasions distinctly declared my belief, that they are owing, in the great majority of instances, to the penurious and insufficient support afforded to the clergy. And I am not so happy as to see, for the most part, any serious improvement in this very important matter. The time has yet to come when our laity shall set themselves to work upon the duty of a permanent and creditable maintenance of their ministers, with the zealous devotion which ought to mark every provision made for their own eternal welfare, and without which it is idle to expect any solid prosperity for the Church of God.

Nevertheless, although there is more than enough of deficiency to keep us humble, and we have no ground to justify us in assuming the tone of high gratulation, either for

the achievements of the past, or the prospects of the future, yet we have somewhat to encourage us in the belief that the claims of the Church are surely and steadily advancing. We can see a great change for the better in the feelings and judgments of the community, when we revert to the condition of the diocese twelve years ago. Our ministry were then eleven in number, and they are now twenty-three, notwithstanding the recent diminution. Twelve new Churches have been consecrated in the period of my episcopate, besides two which have been remodelled and enlarged. And we look in vain to any other diocese for a more complete agreement in the order of our services. I know of no irregularities, no incongruities, no divisions of party amongst us. And it is not too much to say that our Conventions have been marked by an unanimity of action, and a freedom from all unseemly debate, in a degree far superior, on the whole, to the average of what we had a right to expect, considering the common lot of human infirmity. The excitement which has taken place elsewhere has had but small effect upon us, nor do I doubt that this effect, although disadvantageous for a time, will, under God, be ultimately beneficial, by awakening inquiry, exciting us to renewed zeal, and establishing our scriptural principles and character more firmly than ever.

There is one subject, however, belonging to the topic of our public ministrations, to which I have been requested to advert in my address to the Convention. It concerns the propriety of the extraordinary increase of public services, especially the multiplied administrations of the holy communion, together with the custom of singing the whole of the daily psalms, and the responses, in the manner of the English cathedrals. The opinion which I have delivered in private on these matters, it is equally due to myself and to the diocese to state publicly. I have said that to the extent of the cathedral service of our Mother Church of England, I consider it *lawful* for any rector to proceed, so long,

as there was no Canon of our own Church which forbids him ; while the *expediency* and *wisdom* of going beyond the usual custom of our own oldest and best established dioceses, was another question, which I should leave to every parish minister to decide for himself. That I do not think this change expedient is sufficiently manifest from the fact, that I have not adopted it in my own parish. But believing it to be the result of a zeal which is not likely to be very contagious, and that the excess, whatever it may be, will cure itself, by the simple observation of the working of the system which a few years experience will teach to all concerned, I have not thought it necessary to discourage it by the slightest opposition. The tendencies and spirit of our age are all in the opposite direction, and the practical good sense of our respected brethren of the laity, co-operating with their pastors, respectively, will by and by, doubtless, settle down into the judicious mean, which seems, to my judgment, the sound and true rule for a general example. Meanwhile, so long as we retain, faithfully and honestly, the *doctrines* of the blessed Reformation, I am perfectly willing that every parish in the land should imitate the model of a cathedral, if the Rector and his people prefer to have it so.

But, to sum up the whole, my beloved brethren, our safety, under God, will depend on our obedience to the apostle's admonition, " Be not high-minded, but fear." The spirit of Romanism, our old and active adversary, is busy on the one hand, and the temper of misrule, which confounds liberty with licentiousness, is ready on the other, to tempt us aside from the middle path of evangelical truth and apostolic order. Let us take heed to our course, for our lot is cast in troublous times. Let us diligently practise our divine Redeemer's precept, " Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation." Let us not be wise in our own conceits, nor lean unto our own understandings, but bring up every doctrine to the law and to the testimony — the law of the

Lord, and the testimony of his inspired Word, which alone is able to make us wise unto salvation. Let us hold firmly to the interpretations of divine truth furnished by the Church in those admirable Articles, which express so faithfully the principles of the British Reformation. And let us never forget that we are the successors of "a noble army of martyrs," whose principles have come down to us consecrated by the willing sacrifice of their own blood. True disciples of those who were the immediate disciples of Christ—apostles not only by office, but in spirit—may God give us grace to follow them, as they followed their divine Lord and Master.

JOHN H. HOPKINS.

The Bishop's Address being concluded, on motion, the Convention proceeded to the choice of officers for the ensuing year. On balloting, as the Canon directs, the following elections were declared to be duly made, viz :—

For Standing Committee :

Rev. Joel Clap,

“ Wm. Henry Hoit,

“ Joseph F. Phillips,

“ George B. Manser,

“ Henry M. Davis.

For Clerical Delegates to the General Convention :

Rev. Joel Clap,

“ Wm. Henry Hoit,

“ Wm. D. Wilson,

“ Nathl. O. Preston.

For Lay Delegates to the General Convention :

Messrs. Charles K. Williams,

“ Charles Linsley,

“ R. G. Cole,

“ A. O. Aldis.

Dr. Eaton was, at his request, excused from further attendance upon the sittings of the Convention.

On motion, the Convention adjourned, to attend Divine service at half-past six o'clock this evening, and to reassemble again immediately thereafter.

6½ P. M.

Divine service was performed, the Evening Prayer being said by the Rev. Mr. Phillips, assisted in the reading of the lessons by the Rev. Mr. Bostwick, and the sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Davis. The Convention then reassembled, pursuant to adjournment, and, on motion, adjourned again, to meet to-morrow morning at half-past eight o'clock.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 19, half-past 8 o'clock, A. M.

The Convention met, pursuant to adjournment. The Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. Mr. Fitch, and the lessons read by the Rev. Mr. Morice.

Mr. Lyman Hawley, Lay Delegate from the Parish of Christ Church, Fairfax, appeared and took his seat in the Convention.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to the choice of Trustees of the General Theological Seminary. The Rev. Messrs. John A. Hicks, Wm. Henry Hoit and Samuel B. Bostwick were chosen.

Messrs. Nahum Parker, J. C. Thrall and Amon Bailey were appointed Committee of Finance.

The Rev. Mr. Phillips was appointed Preacher before the next Convention, the Rev. Mr. Manser to be his substi-

tute ; and the Rev. A. K. Putnam, Preacher for the evening next preceding the Convention, the Rev. Mr. Bingham to be his substitute.

Messrs. Nahum Parker, J. C. Thrall and Amon Bailey were chosen Lay Members of the Missionary Committee.

On motion, the Parochial Reports were read, and laid upon the Secretary's table to be printed with the Journal.

On motion, the further consideration of the Constitution and Canons, reported to the last Convention and proposed thereby for the action of this, was postponed till the next Annual Convention of the Diocese.

The annual report of the Board of Agency for the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, was presented and read.

The Committee on Finance made a report, recommending the following assessments to be made upon the several Parishes of the Diocese, to meet the current expenses of the year, viz :—

Union Church, Montgomery,	\$4.00
Calvary Church, Berkshire,	4.00
Christ Church, Enosburgh,	2.00
Grace Church, Sheldon,	2.00
St. John's Church, Highgate,	5.00
Union Church, St. Alban's.	12.00
Trinity Church, Fairfield,	2.00
Christ Church, Fairfax,	2.00
St. Paul's Church, Burlington,	12.00
Trinity Church, Shelburne,	4.00
St. Paul's Church, Vergennes,	7.00
St. Stephen's Church, Middlebury,	8.00
St. Thomas' Church, Brandon,	4.00
Trinity Church, Rutland,	8.00
St. John's Church, Poultney,	4.00
St. Paul's Church, Wells,	2.00
Zion Church, Manchester,	4.00

St James' Church, Arlington,	8.00
St. Peter's Church, Bennington,	4.00
Christ Church, Guilford,	2.00
Immanuel Church, Bellows' Falls,	12.00
St. Paul's Church, Windsor,	5.00
St. James' Church, Woodstock,	6.00
Christ Church, Bethel,	2.00
St. Paul's Church, Royalton,	3.00
Christ Church, Montpelier,	4.00
Immanuel Church, Milton,	2.00
Calvary Church, Jericho,	2.00

\$ 136.00

On motion, *resolved*, That the Secretary be and hereby is directed to cause 600 copies of the Journal of the Convention to be printed ; and, in addition to the provision made by the Canon upon the subject, to send six copies of the same to each Clergyman of the Diocese, by mail, unless otherwise instructed by the Clergyman himself.

The minutes of the proceedings of the Convention were read and approved.

On motion, *resolved*, That after the customary religious services, this Convention shall be adjourned. Whereupon, after the last four verses of the 99th selection of the Psalms in metre were sung, the Rt. Rev. Bishop of the Diocese offered the usual prayers from the Liturgy appropriate to the occasion, gave his benediction, and the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

JOHN HENRY HOPKINS, D. D.,
President of the Convention.

Attest,

WM. HENRY HOIT,
Secretary.

APPENDIX I.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

St. Peter's Church, Bennington.

The Rev. N. O. PRESTON, Rector.

Families , (comprising adults, 100, children, 40, total 140,)	35
Baptisms , (children,)	5
Marriages , (non-parishioners,)	1
Burials , (parishioner,)	1
Communicants , removed from the parish,	1
present number,	39
Catechumens , (boys, 7, girls, 20,)	27
Contributions , alms at the Holy Communion,	\$10.00
for General Missions, Foreign,	5.50
for the contingent fund of the Diocese,	2.50
total,	\$18.00

Public services, regular, on Sunday throughout the year.

occasional, a third service on Sundays during about half the year — a week-day service during the season of Lent, as also appropriate services on the greater *Festivals and Fasts of the Church*.

administrations of the Holy Eucharist, seven times during the year.

I have, from necessity, been engaged about nine months of the past year in the daily instruction of a school composed of young ladies, and consequently the church has suffered in proportion.

*St. James' Church, Arlington.**(Vacant.)*

No report.

Zion Church, Manchester.

The Rev. HENRY BLACKALLER, Rector.

Families, (comprising adults, 91, children, 63, total, 154,)	32
Baptisms, (adults, 2, children, 2,)	4
Confirmed,	1
Burials, (a parishioner of the church in Arlington,)	1
Communicants, added, 2, present number,	34
Catechumens, (boys, 23, girls, 22,)	45
Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	\$4.00
unappropriated in the sewing circle,	15.00
other purposes,	30.00
total,	<hr/> \$49.00

Public services, *regular*, morning and evening in the church on Sunday, also a third service frequently, either in Manchester village or the vicinity.

Divine service and a lecture are holden every Thursday evening, in three different districts of the parish alternately. The church is open for divine service and a preparatory lecture on the Friday before the Holy Communion, which is administered the first Sunday in every month.

Since the resignation of my brother-in-law, Rev. John T. Sabine, who appears to have secured for himself and services, the respect and warm attachment of the whole community, the parish has suffered from the evils attending an absent and fluctuating ministry. From April, 1842, to September, 1843, it was without any stated services. In August of last year the wardens, by letter, expressed a desire that I would visit the parish, but being engaged until April, I was unable to comply with their wishes. I was requested, however, to hold myself disengaged at that time. Meanwhile, Rev. Mr. Munroe offered his services, and arrangements were made for him to supply the church until the following Easter.

Having an invitation to take charge of the church at Potsdam, N. Y., Mr. M. accepted the invitation and vacated the parish in the month of April. I visited Manchester on the 27th of the same month, officiated the third and fourth Sundays after Easter, and administered the Holy Communion.

Regret was expressed to me, that a question of expediency respecting the removal of the church edifice to the village had, during the winter, been agitated, and had created some party feeling, which it was devoutly

hoped would, by judicious management, be soon allayed. I felt some reluctance to assume the responsibilities of a divided parish, but supported by the blessed and harmonizing influence of our venerable liturgy, and reposing in a humble affiance in the goodness and mercy of the Great Head of the Church, I yielded to the expressed wish of the parish that I would come among them.

On inquiry, it appeared to me, the position of the society was such, that in order to make our humble services available, the friends of the Church must, with myself, be willing to make considerable sacrifice the first year. It was acknowledged that the edifice needed embellishing, and the library of the Sunday School replenishing.

To my great satisfaction the disaffection that prevailed has nearly subsided, and I have enjoyed the most cordial and zealous co-operation in the establishment of the Sunday School, and in every other measure deemed desirable in order to place the church upon a footing of extensive usefulness.

Already several families who had ceased their attendance at church have returned to her bosom; and a disposition the most friendly is manifested by the heads of several families who as yet know little of her ways. Our encouragement is such that it is intended, Providence permitting, to make a material alteration in the exterior of the church edifice and then to paint it. And I am instructed to present a respectful request to the convention that its next annual meeting be holden in Zion Church, Manchester.

My humble hope is that our call to this parish is an ordering of that gracious Providence which doeth all things well. I have a cheering hope that my beloved people will vie with me in the attainment of that sound churchmanship and sound piety which when united have constrained the observer to "report that God is in us of a truth."

Christ Church, Guilford.

The Rev. FREDERICK A. WADLEIGH, Rector.

Families, (comprising adults, 114, children, 97, total, 211,)	36
Baptisms, (adults, 4, infants, 4,)	8
Confirmed,	7
Marriage,	1
Burials, (parishioners, 3, nonparishioner, 1,)	4
Communicants, added anew,	7
removed into the parish,	2
removed from the parish,	2
died,	2
present number,	68

Catechumens,	70
Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	\$15.13
General Missions,	10.54
other purposes, about,	30.00
total,	<hr/> \$55.67

Immanuel Church, Bellows Falls.

The Rev. ALBIN K. PUTNAN, Rector.

Families, (comprising adults, 226, children, 130, total 356,)	74
Baptisms, (adults, 5, children, 7,)	12
Confirmed,	7
Marriages, (parishioners, 1, non-parishioners, 2,)	3
Burials, (parishioner,)	1
Communicants, added anew,	9
removed into the parish,	1
removed from the parish,	4
present number,	152
Catechumens, (boys, 44, girls, 65,)	109
Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion, (since Easter,)	\$17.39
for Diocesan Missions,	60.00
for General Missions, Domestic,	25.00
for the contingent fund of the Diocese,	10.00
for other purposes,	20.00
total,	<hr/> \$132.39

Public services, *regular*, on Sundays, and on the greater Festivals and Fasts.

occasional, lectures on Sunday evenings, and other times.

administrations of the Holy Eucharist, monthly in the church, and seven times in private to the sick.

Several families in the Diocese of New Hampshire, not reckoned in the above statement, properly belong to this congregation, as this is their usual and most convenient place of attending church.

The Sunday school may be spoken of as in a very prosperous condition, having, besides the Superintendent, a Librarian and thirteen Teachers, who engage in their work with exemplary zeal and punctuality. It is the practice of the Rector to give catechetical instruction in connection with the devotional exercises at the opening of the school every Sunday, and also to instruct the children in the church catechism the first Sunday in every month. Happy results are anticipated through the Divine blessing on these labors.

This parish enjoyed the faithful pastoral care of the Rev. CARLTON CHASE, D. D., more than twenty-four years, until his election to the episcopate of New Hampshire. The present Rector succeeded him at Easter.

St. Stephen's Church, Tinmouth.

(*Vacant.*)

No report.

St. Paul's Church, Wells.

The Rev. LOUIS M'DONALD, Rector.

No report.

St. John's Church, East-Poultney.

(*Vacant.*)

Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Burials,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Communicants, (in Poultney,)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50
(in Fair and West Haven,)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16
(Middletown,)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
total,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	72

Public services until November 5th, regularly every Lord's day.

Since Christmas regularly half of the time.

This parish has passed through various afflictions during years past; but out of them all the Lord has delivered them. On the last Lord's day the mortal remains of its late esteemed and beloved minister, the Rev. Mr. Daniels, were committed to the dust. May this visitation also be sanctified to his people, and the good Lord still in wrath remember mercy.

This parish may be represented as retaining, by the favor of God, its former measure of strength.

Reported by Amon Bailey, Warden of the Parish.

Trinity Church, Rutland.

The Rev. JOHN A. HICKS, Rector.

Families, (comprising adults, 120, children, 75, total 195,)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	52
Baptisms, (children,)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Confirmed,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Marriages, (parishioners, 3, non-parishioners, 2,)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Burials, (parishioners, 3, non-parishioners, 2,)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5

Communicants, added anew,	-	-	-	-	3	
removed from the parish,	-	-	-	-	1	
died,	-	-	-	-	1	
present number,	-	-	-	-	-	65
Catechumens, (boys, 15, girls, 20,)	-	-	-	-	-	35
Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	-				\$28.00	
for General Missions, Domestic,	-				21.50	
Foreign,					15.50	
for the contingent fund of the Diocese,					8.00	
total,	-	-	-	-	—	\$73.00

Public services, *regular*, Sundays, Friday evenings.
occasional, Christmas, Ash-Wednesday, Passion-Week,
Ascension day, Fast and Thanksgiving days. Have
occasionally held service on Sunday out of the village,
attended one funeral, and preached at Castleton.
administrations of the Holy Eucharist, monthly.

Prospect of the Church continues encouraging, our accessions have
been about equal to our loss by death and removals. The ladies have
carpeted the church, furnished it with new blinds and curtains for the
windows, and new hangings for the pulpit and desk.

St. Thomas' Church, Brandon.

The Rev. SAMUEL BRECK BOSTWICK, Rector.

Families, (comprising adults, 41, children, 32, total 73,)						14
Baptisms, (child)	.	.	.	.	.	1
Confirmed,	.	.	.	.	.	1
Communicants, removed into the parish,	.				2	
removed from the parish,	.				4	
present number,	.	.	.	.	.	19
Catechumens, (boys, 12, girls, 15,)	.	.	.	.	.	27
Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,					\$8.52	
for N. York Tract Society,	.	.	.	.	1.12	
for Diocesan Missions,	.	.	.	.	6.10	
for Foreign Missions,	.	.	.	.	2.20	
for Domestic Missions,	.	.	.	.	6.00	
for contingent fund of the Diocese,	.				4.00	
total,	.	.	.	.	—	\$27.94

Public services, *regular*, morning and evening on every Lord's Day since
the 5th Sunday after Easter.

administrations of the Holy Eucharist, the first Sunday in
every month, with one exception; and on Whitsunday.

The present Rector's engagement with the parish commenced in

April last. The former Rector, Rev. Josiah Perry, was compelled to leave the Parish for the South on account of ill health, so that services in it were suspended from October to April, with two exceptions when Rev. Mr. Hicks, and Rev. Mr. Monroe officiated. The place for celebrating public worship has been completed, and furnished with a new and suitable organ, a vestry, and library room; and the general neatness and beauty of its appearance bespeak the good taste and liberality of the few supporters of the Church here. Though the Rector is not able to present any marked proofs of the spiritual prosperity of the Parish, yet there is good reason to believe that, through the Divine blessing, the means of grace used are gradually working their secret yet sure influence.

Union Church, Springfield.

(*Vacant.*)

No report.

St. Paul's Church, Windsor.

The Rev. W. D. WILSON, Rector.

Baptisms, (children,)	6
Confirmed,	3
Marriages, (parishioners,)	3
Burials, (parishioners,)	3
Communicants, added anew,	3
removed into the parish,	2
removed from the parish,	3
died,	3
present number,	43
Catechumens, about	30
Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	\$10.32
for Diocesan Missions,	3.25
for General Missions, Domestic,	5.00
for the contingent fund of the Diocese,	5.00
for other purposes, (St. Paul's Ch. Wells,)	2.00
total,	\$25.57

Public services, *regular*, on each Sunday, on Christmas, Ash-Wednesday and on Easter-day.

administrations of the Holy Eucharist, on the first Sunday in each month, except the Sunday after Christmas, and the Sundays next before and after Easter, making ten times in the whole, and once in private to the sick.

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St. James' Church, Woodstock.

The Rev. JOEL CLAP, Rector.

Families,	26
Baptisms, (children)	5
Confirmed,	.	.	.	.	.	4
Marriages, (parishioners, 2, non-parishioners, 1,)	.	.	.	.	.	3
Burials, (parishioners, 2, non-parishioners, 4,)	.	.	.	.	.	6
Communicants, added anew,	.	.	.	.	.	3
removed from the parish,	.	.	.	.	.	1
present number,	.	.	.	.	.	50
Contributions, offerings at the Holy Communion,					\$35.83	
As there are no poor in the parish, requiring aid from the offerings, the following appropriations have been made, viz : for Diocesan Missions,						
					\$26.00	
For the contingent fund of the Diocese,	.	.	.	.	.	6.00

Public services, *regular*, morning and evening service, on every Sunday, except six, one of which the Rector was confined by sickness, and the remainder absent on other duties. *occasional*, a third service, either in the church or in a school-house at Taftsville, about one third of the Sundays during the year, on Christmas day, Ash-Wednesday, Good-Friday, and Thanksgiving and Fast days, appointed by the civil authority, Morning Prayer, at an early hour, every day during Passion week.

At the request of the Missionary Board of the Diocese, I have visited Springfield and Proctorsville. At the former place I preached once, to a very small congregation, the weather being very unfavorable.

After a second visit, I was constrained to relinquish the hope of the revival of this parish at present. At Proctorsville I officiated five Sundays, and buried one person. Although it has not been deemed expedient to take any measures toward organizing a parish here at present ; yet I consider this a favourable field for Missionary labor, and have no doubt but under the Divine blessing upon the ministrations of a faithful Missionary, the institutions of the Church might be permanently established.

St. Paul's Church, Royalton.

The Rev. JOEL CLAP, Minister.

Families,	.	.	.	.	.	19
Communicants, removed into the parish,	.	.	.	.	.	6
removed from the parish,	.	.	.	.	.	1
present number,	.	.	.	.	.	38

Contributions, offerings at the Holy Communion,	\$17.59
for Diocesan Missions,	6.77

total,	\$24.36
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There has been paid from the offerings, for the contingent fund of the Diocese,	\$4.00
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Administrations of the Holy Eucharist, since the present Minister's connection with the parish, three times.

This parish having been deprived of the faithful and disinterested services of their late Rector, by his removal to Drewsville, in the Diocese of New Hampshire, the present Minister, with the approbation of the Bishop, accepted an invitation from the Vestry to take charge of the same, with the intention of officiating here one Sunday in each month, commencing on the Sunday after Ascension-Day. When destitute of Clerical services, Morning and Evening Prayer and a Sermon are read by an acceptable Lay Reader, on every Sunday, and it is highly creditable to the consistent churchmanship of the members of this parish, that these services are constantly attended without any essential diminution of the congregation.

Christ Church, Bethel.

The Rev. JAMES SABINE, Rector.

Baptisms, (infants,)	2
Marriages,	2
Funerals,	2

The state of things generally much the same as last year. The number of communicants then returned was about one hundred; the Convention will observe that this return includes Randolph which parish is under the care of Bethel.

As to our religious state, it is very dormant and uninteresting—we pray for the quickening influence of Divine grace.

St. Andrew's Church, Rochester.

(Vacant.)

No report.

St. Stephen's Parish, Middlebury.

The Rev. JOSEPH F. PHILLIPS, Rector.

Families, about	50
Baptisms, (children,)	10
Confirmed,	3
Marriages, (parishioners,)	1

Burials, (parishioners,)	4
Communicants, added anew,	3
removed into the parish,	4
removed from the parish,	8
died,	1
present number, about	90
Catechumens,	50
Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	\$37.54
for St. Paul's Church, Wells, Vt.,	25.00
for General Missions, Domestic,	30.00
Foreign,	10.00
for the contingent fund of the Diocese,	8.00
for other purposes, about	40.00
total,	<hr/> \$150.54

Public services, *regular*, Morning and Evening service on every Sunday, Morning service on all the Festivals, and Sermons on the principal.

occasional, Morning service daily in Lent, and on Wednesdays and Fridays through the year. Two services on Christmas, on Ash-Wednesday, on Good-Friday, and in several instances a third service on Sunday.

administrations of the Holy Eucharist, on the Feasts of the Nativity, of the Resurrection, and of Whitsuntide; and on the first Sunday of every month.

The present Rector was invited to the charge of this parish in November last; assumed its charge in February, and was instituted by the Right Rev. Diocesan in person in June. In addition to regular parochial services, he has officiated several times at East Middlebury and Ripton. At Ripton there appears to be an opening for the Church, if the services of a Missionary could be secured. A small Sunday School has been established there, mainly by the exertions of a pious lady belonging to St. Stephen's parish; and the people, driven about by various and contrary winds of doctrine, seem desirous to cast anchor in some safe haven. The frequent interruptions of the Pastoral relation in this Parish, and the efforts and machinations of powerful, intolerant, proselyting and persecuting sects on every side, have severely tested the fidelity of the little flock, but the Rector is happy and grateful that he has no recent defections to report, that his parishioners are generally well grounded in the Catholic faith, comparatively well instructed in the system of the Church, and that their faith and intelligence very generally manifest themselves, in a rational and active piety, in a well ordered life and

conversation, in a zeal for God according to knowledge, in peace and unity among themselves, and in affectionate and tender regard to their Pastor.

A parochial library has been commenced in the parish. The Ladies' Missionary Society continue their praiseworthy exertions.

The catechumens are instructed every Sunday under the supervision of the Rector; and catechised, semi-monthly, in "open Church."

St. Paul's Church, Vergennes.

The Rev. HENRY M. DAVIS, Rector.

Families, (comprising adults, 142, children, 87, total 229,)	47
Baptisms, (adults, 1, children, 5,)	6
Confirmed,	4
Mariages, (non-parishioners,)	2
Burials, (parishioners, 6, non-parishioners, 5,)	11
Communicants, added anew,	6
removed into the parish,	3
removed from the parish,	6
died,	1
present number,	69
Catechumens,	30
Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	\$6.50
for Diocesan Missions,	5.25
for the contingent fund of the Diocese,	7.00
total,	\$18.75

Public services, *regular*, morning and evening prayer on the Lord's Days.

occasional, early morning prayer throughout Passion-week, and on Wednesdays and Fridays during the other weeks of Lent; Epiphany, Good Friday, Ascension day: the Fast and Thanksgiving appointed by the civil authority, and also a week-day evening lecture during the winter season.

administrations of the Holy Eucharist, twelve times in the Church, and once to a sick member.

Grace Church, Randolph.

(*Vacant.*)

No report.

Trinity Church, Shelburne.

The Rev. C. CLEVELAND, Rector.

Baptisms, (adults, 5, children, 3,)	8
Confirmed,	4
Marriage,	1
Burials,	4
Communicants, added anew,	3

Administrations of Holy Communion, on the first Sunday of the month throughout the year.

Means and prospects, moderate.

St. Paul's Church, Burlington.

The Rt. Rev. JOHN HENRY HOPKINS, D. D., Rector.

Families, (removed, 2, added, 3, present number,)	52
Students at College and other transient persons,	18
Baptisms, (adults, 3, children, 11,)	14
Confirmed,	15
Mariages,	4
Funerals,	8
Communicants, added,	19
removed,	13
present number,	118
Catechumens, (boys, 16, girls, 27)	43
Contributions, alms at Holy Communion,	\$83.69
for Diocesan Missions,	84.34
for General Missions, Domestic,	70.15
Foreign,	20.83
for the contingent fund of the Diocese,	12.00
total,	\$271.11

Public services, *regular*, morning and evening on each Lord's Day, on the greater Festivals, Thanksgiving Day, morning prayer throughout the season of Lent on Wednesday and Fridays, and morning and evening service with a lecture every day throughout Passion Week. Besides which, there was a course of lectures preparatory to Confirmation.

The administrations of the Eucharist have been as usual on the first Sunday of every month, and the Festival of Easter, those Sundays being excepted in which the Rector was absent from home.

The condition of the parish, generally, is believed to be more prosperous than it was a year ago.

*Calvary Church, Jericho.**(Vacant.)*

No report.

*Immanuel Church, Milton.**(Vacant.)*

No report.

*Christ Church, Montpelier.***The Rev. GEORGE B. MANSEY, Rector.**

Families, (comprising adults, 85, children, 55, total 140,)	-	34
Baptism, (adults, 3, children, 7,)	-	10
Confirmed,	-	6
Marriages, (parishioners, 1, non-parishioners, 1,)	-	2
Burials, (parishioners,)	-	4
Communicants, added anew,	-	6
removed into the parish,	-	2
removed from the parish,	-	3
present number,	-	24
Catechumens, (boys, 25, girls, 33,)	-	58
Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	\$61.76	
for the contingent fund of the Diocese,	3.00	
total,	\$64.76	
Public services, <i>regular</i> , during all Sundays in the year and at the public festivals.		
<i>occasional</i> , on week-days and generally on Sunday evenings.		
<i>administrations of the Holy Eucharist</i> , the first Sunday in each month, and at some of the festivals of the Church.		

*Christ Church, Fairfax.***The Rev. EDWARD F. PUTNAM, Rector.**

Communicants, present number,	-	29
Catechumens,	-	21
Bible class,	-	25
Contributions, for the contingent fund,	\$2.00	

This parish, though small in size, is in its condition truly flourishing. The christian zeal and liberality of its members are every way worthy of the highest commendation.

Trinity Church, Fairfield.

The Rev. EDWARD F. PUTNAM, Minister.

Baptisms, (by the Bishop,) child,	1,	} total,	10
(by Rev. S. B. Bostwick,) . . .	9,		
Burial, (parishioner,) . . .			1
Communicants, present number, . . .			60
Catechumens, (boys 22, girls, 12,) . . .			34
In addition to the catechumens, is a Bible-Class			
of young ladies, numbering . . .			12
Contributions, for the contingent fund, . . .	\$2.00		

Having assumed the charge of this Parish, and also of Christ Church, Fairfax, at so recent a period as August last, I am unable to present a report sufficiently comprehensive to meet my own wishes.

With regard to the prospects of the Parish, I consider them on the whole as very encouraging, and trust that by another year, it will be my privilege, through the blessing of God, to record several additions to the list of communicants and catechumens.

Much praise is due to the ladies of the sewing circle for the zeal and industry with which they have prosecuted their labors in behalf of the Parish.

Union Church, St. Albans.

The Rev. WM. HENRY HOIT, Rector.

Families, (comprising adults, 141, children, 94, total, 235,) . . .	43
Baptisms, (adults, 4, children, 20,) . . .	24
Confirmed, . . .	7
Marriage, (parishioners,) . . .	1
Burials, (parishioners, 3, non-parishioner, 1,) . . .	4
Communicants, added anew, . . .	5
removed into the parish, . . .	4
removed from the parish, . . .	5
died, . . .	1
present number, . . .	98
Catechumens, (boys, 17, girls, 37,) . . .	54
Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion, . . .	\$46.37
for Diocesan Missions, . . .	114.41
for General Missions, Domestic, . . .	10.00
Foreign, . . .	8.60
for the contingent fund of Diocese, . . .	10.00
for other purposes, viz : for St. Paul's Church,	
Wells, \$21.00, and for the poor, (in addition to the alms at the offertory,) \$39.77, 60.77	
total, . . .	\$250.15

Public services, regular, Morning and Evening Prayer, and the Ante-Communion office on Sundays, and Morning Prayer and Litany on Wednesdays and Fridays.

occasional, daily Morning Prayer during Lent, and in Passion Week both Morning and Evening Prayer, with sermons; Evening Prayer on the Rogation Days; and the office for the Holy Eucharist on all Holy Days, and on Thanksgiving Day.

administrations of the Holy Eucharist, the first Sunday in every month; every Sunday in Lent; and on all Holy Days: in all 49 times, besides several times privately with the sick.

The children under the Pastor's care have been instructed and catechised usually every Sunday between the hours of Morning and Evening Prayer; and upon the Sundays in Lent were catechised openly in Church after the second Lesson at Evening Prayer.

The general attendance upon the public services of the Church has been larger during the past year, than at any other former period since the connexion of the present Rector with the Parish, now nearly seven years; and he is encouraged, from this and other indications, to believe that his exertions to give greater fulness and solemnity to the public ministrations of the Church have been neither misdirected nor unprofitable.

The establishment of a Parochial School has been in contemplation for some time past, but has been hindered by the difficulty of procuring a suitable building for the purpose. It is expected, however, that this difficulty will soon be removed, and the proposed measure carried into effect.

St. John's Church, Highgate.

The Rev. JOHN A. FITCH, Minister.

Burials (parishioners),	-	-	-	-	-	2
Number of communicants,	-	-	-	-	-	48
Number of catechumens,	-	-	-	-	-	15

I preached for the first time in this parish on Rogation Sunday, since which, Divine service has been held twice at the church upon every other Sunday, and a third service usually in some distant neighborhood.

Grace Church, Sheldon.

The Rev. JOHN A. FITCH, Minister.

Baptisms, (children,)	.	.	.	.	.	2
Confirmed,	.	.	.	.	.	1
Burials,	.	.	.	.	.	3

In consequence of not being able to find the Parish Records the number of Communicants is not known.

Catechumens,	48
Paid into the contingent fund,	\$4.00

I preached for the first time in this Parish on Good Friday; since which, Divine service has been held regularly twice on every other Sunday at the Church, and a third service at other places on the same Sunday with three exceptions.

My labors were commenced in this Parish under discouraging circumstances, but at present there is much to encourage.

Christ Church, Enosburgh.

The Rev. MOORE BINGHAM, Rector.

Families,	18
Baptisms, (adults, 2, children, 4,)	6
Confirmed,	4
Marriage, (non-parishioners,)	1
Communicants, added anew,	2
removed into the parish,	1
removed from the parish,	2
present number,	40
Contributions, for Diocesan Missions,	\$3.00
for General Missions, Domestic,	5.00
Foreign,	5.00
for the contingent fund of the Diocese,	2.00
for other purposes,	5.00
total,	\$20.00

Public services, *regular*, on all Sundays.

occasional, on the principal festivals and fasts.

administrations of the Holy Eucharist, monthly, and on Christmas, Easter and Whit-Sunday.

Calvary Church, East Berkshire.

The Rev. E. H. SAYLES, Rector.

Families, (comprising adults, 131, children, 60, total 191,)	32
Baptisms, (children,)	4
Confirmed,	1
Marriages, (parishioners, 1, non-parishioners, 1,)	2
Burials, (parishioners, 4, non-parishioner, 1,)	5

Communicants, added anew,	-	-	-	1
removed into the parish,	-	-	-	3
removed from the parish,	-	-	-	1
present number,	-	-	-	60
Catechumens, (boys, 15, girls, 50,)	-	-	-	65
Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	-		\$9.67	
for General Missions, Domestic,	-		2.00	
Foreign,			2.00	
for the contingent fund of the Diocese,			4.00	
total,	-	-	-	\$17.67

Public services, *regular*, three every other Lord's day.

occasional, on the principal Feasts and Fasts of the Church, and on those appointed by the civil authority.

In the winter season, services are held on week-days, in all parts of the Parish.

administrations of the Holy Eucharist, once in two months, or six times a year.

The third service is never held in the church, but in all parts of the Parish ; and during the last winter a series were held in Richford by invitation, five miles distant, before large and attentive congregations, most of whom were entire strangers to the services of the Church. Lay reading and the Sunday School are regularly sustained in the absence of the Rector, by a choice few, who have long and patiently "borne the heat and burden of the day" and have thus contributed largely to the present stability, regularity and salutary influence of the Church. A circle of industry, among the ladies, meets semi-monthly, the avails of which are devoted to religious and charitable purposes. A library of eighty volumes has lately been purchased for the Sunday School, which has added very much to the interest and usefulness of the school. Upon the whole we have abundant reason for gratitude and thankfulness for the past and encouragement for the future.

Union Church, Montgomery.

The Rev. E. H. SAYLES, Rector.

Families, (comprising adults, 90, children, 67, total, 157,)	.	.	.	35
Baptisms, (children)	.	.	.	2
Confirmed,	.	.	.	2
Marriage, (parishioners,)	.	.	.	1
Burial, (parishioner,)	.	.	.	1
Communicants, added anew,	.	.	.	2
removed from the parish,	.	.	.	1
died,	.	.	.	1
present number,	.	.	.	17

Catechumens, (boys, 12, girls, 30)	42
Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	\$3.21
for the contingent fund of the diocese,	4.00
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total,	\$7.21

Public services, *regular*, three every other Sunday.

occasional, on the principal Fasts and Festivals of the Church and on those appointed by the civil authority.

During the winter, week-day evening services were held in all parts of the town.

administrations of the Holy Eucharist, once in two months, or six times a year.

The third service is held as usual in different places, sometimes three and four miles from the Church, and the whole population have thus become so familiar with the services of the Church, that objections and opposition are scarcely known. Lay reading and the Sunday School are regularly sustained, in the absence of the Rector, by those whose attachment for the Church is firm and constant, and who thus show their "faith by their works." A library of seventy-six volumes has lately been purchased, which has imparted new courage both to teachers and catechumens. Complete union and harmony prevail, and our prospects are rather encouraging than otherwise.

St. John's Church, Derby-Line.

(*Vacant.*)

No report.

APPENDIX II.

LIST OF THE CLERGY IN THE DIOCESE OF VERMONT.

The Rt. Rev. JOHN HENRY HOPKINS, D. D., Bishop of the
Diocese, and Rector of St. Paul's Church, Burlington.

PRESBYTERS.

- The Rev. MOORE BINGHAM, Rector of Christ Church, Enosburgh.
The Rev. HENRY BLACKALLER, Rector of Zion Church, Manchester.
The Rev. SAMUEL B. BOSTWICK, Rector of St. Thomas' Church, Brandon.
The Rev. JOEL CLAP, Rector of St. James' Church, Woodstock, and St.
Paul's Church, Royalton.
The Rev. CHARLES CLEVELAND, Rector of Trinity Church, Shelburne.
The Rev. HENRY M. DAVIS, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Vergennes.
The Rev. JOHN A. HICKS, Rector of Trinity Church, Rutland.
The Rev. WM. HENRY HOIT, Rector of Union Church, St. Alban's.
The Rev. GEORGE B. MANSER, Rector of Christ Church, Montpelier.
The Rev. LOUIS McDONALD, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Wells.
The Rev. RICHARD PECK, residing at Sheldon.
The Rev. JOSEPH F. PHILLIPS, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Middle-
bury.
The Rev. NATHANIEL O. PRESTON, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Ben-
nington.
The Rev. ALBIN K. PUTNAM, Rector of Immanuel Church, Bellows'
Falls.
The Rev. JAMES SABINE, Rector of Christ Church, Bethel.
The Rev. JOHN T. SABINE, residing at Boston.
The Rev. EZEKIEL H. SAYLES, Rector of Union Church, Montgomery,
and Calvary Church, Berkshire.

The Rev. FREDERICK A. WADLEIGH, Rector of Christ Church, Guilford.

The Rev. W. D. WILSON, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Windsor.

DEACONS.

The Rev. JOHN A. FITCH, Minister of Grace Church, Sheldon, and St. John's Church, Highgate.

The Rev. EDWARD F. PUTNAM, Minister of Trinity Church, Fairfield, and Christ Church, Fairfax.

The Rev. ZADOCK THOMPSON, residing at Burlington.

CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS.

Mr. J. SWETT, Jr., and Mr. A. H. BAILEY.

APPENDIX III.

LIST OF THE PARISHES

*of Vermont, with their Rectors or Ministers, and their
Delegates to the Convention of 1844.*

RES.	RECTORS OR MINISTERS.	DELEGATES.
nnington, lington, ster, rd, llows' Falls, , Timmouth, ells, ultney, nd, Brandon, field, indsor, oodstock, yalton, , Rochester, , Middlebury,	Rev. N. O. Preston. Rev. H. Blackaller. Rev. Fred'k A. Wadleigh. Rev. A. K. Putnam. Rev. Louis McDonald. Rev. John A. Hicks. Rev. S. B. Bostwick. Rev. W. D. Wilson. Rev. Joel Clap. Rev. Joel Clap. Rev. James Sabine.	Artemas Robbins. { Amon Bailey. Albert H. Bailey. Jona. C. Thrall. Thomas P. Russell.
rgennes, lph, urne, rlington, co, ilton, pelier, x, ield, ban's, ighgate, on, urgh, ashire, gomery, erby-Line.	Rev. Henry M. Davis. Rev. Charles Cleveland. Rt. Rev. J. H. Hopkins, D. D. Rev. George B. Manser. Rev. E. F. Putnam. Rev. E. F. Putnam. Rev. Wm. Henry Hoit. Rev. J. A. Fitch. Rev. J. A. Fitch. Rev. Moore Bingham. Rev. E. H. Sayles. Rev. E. H. Sayles.	{ Nahum Parker, E. Wainwright, Jed. S. Bushnell. Cyrus Booth. H. Chittenden. Geo. B. Shaw. Andrew Buck. Lyman Royce. { Orange Ferriss, Asa O. Aldis, G. G. Smith. Caleb Mead. { J. Fairbank, John Goodskill. Rollin Eaton, C. R. Brewer. Dolphus Paull, M. J. Catlin, Denis Sampson. R. Hamilton.

APPENDIX IV.

SUMMARY OF THE PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Parishes, whole number in the Diocese,	-	-	1
“ from which reports are given,	-	-	1
Families, (in 16 parishes,)	-	-	5
adults, -	1281		
children, -	800		
total of persons,	-	-	20
Baptisms, adults, -	33		
children, -	106		
total, (in 20 parishes,)	-	-	14
Confirmed, (in 17 parishes,)	-	-	7
Marriages, parishioners, -	25		
non-parishioners, -	10		
total, (in 17 parishes,)	-	-	1
Burials, parishioners, -	58		
non-parishioners, -	14		
total, (in 20 parishes,)	-	-	7
Communicants, added anew, -	74		
removed into the parishes, -	30		
removed from the parishes, -	56		
died, -	10		
present number, (in 21 parishes,)	-	-	12
Catechumens, boys, -	208		
girls, -	331		
not specified, -	264		
total, (in 18 parishes,)	-	-	8
Contributions, alms at Communion, -	\$395.52	(in 16 parishes	
Diocesan Missions, -	309.12	(in 9 “	
General Missions, Domestic, -	185.19	(in 10 “	
“ “ Foreign, -	69.63	(in 8 “	
Contingent Fund of the Diocese, -	85.50	(in 17 “	
other purposes, -	242.89	(in 10 “	
Total, (in 22 parishes,)	-	-	\$1254.1

APPENDIX V.....TABULAR VIEW.

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TABULAR VIEW OF THE

PARISHES.	RECTORS OR MINISTERS.	Congregations.				Baptisms.			Confirmed.	Marriage's.		
		Families.	Adults.	Children.	Total.	Adults.	Children.	Total.		Parishioners.	Non Parish'ns.	Total.
St. Peter's Bennington.	Rev. N. O. Preston.	35	100	40	140		5	5			1	1
St. James', Arlington.												
Zion, Manchester.	Rev. H. Blackaller.	32	91	63	154	2	2	4	1			
Christ, Guilford.	Rev. F. A. Wadleigh.	36	114	97	211	4	4	8	7	1		1
Immanuel, Bellows' Falls.	Rev. A. K. Putnam.	74	226	130	356	5	7	12	7	1	2	3
St. Stephen's Tinmouth.												
St. Paul's, Wells.	Rev. L. McDonald.											
St. John's, Poultney.											2	2
Trinity, Rutland.	Rev. J. A. Hicks.	52	120	75	195		2	2	3	3	2	5
St. Thomas', Brandon.	Rev. S. B. Bostwick.	14	41	32	73		1	1	1			
Union, Springfield.												
St. Paul's, Windsor.	Rev. W. D. Wilson.						6	6	3	3		3
St. James', Woodstock.	Rev. Joel Clap.	26					5	5	4	2	1	3
St. Paul's, Royalton.	Rev. Joel Clap.	19										
Christ, Bethel.	Rev. J. Sabine.						2	2		2		2
St. Andrew's, Rochester.												
St. Stephen's, Middlebury.	Rev. J. F. Phillips.	50					10	10	3	1		1
St. Paul's, Vergennes.	Rev. H. M. Davis.	47	142	87	229	1	5	6	4		2	2
Grace, Randolph.												
Trinity, Shelburne.	Rev. C. Cleveland.						5	3	8	4	1	1
St. Paul's, Burlington.	Re. Rev J. H. Hopkins, D.D.	52					3	11	14	15	4	4
Calvary, Jericho.												
Immanuel, Milton.												
Christ, Montpelier.	Rev. G. B. Manser.	34	85	55	140	3	7	10	6	1	1	2
Christ, Fairfax.	Rev. E. F. Putnam.											
Trinity, Fairfield.	Rev. E. F. Putnam.						10	10				
Union, St. Alban's.	Rev. W. H. Hoit.	43	141	94	235	4	20	24	7	1		1
St. John's, Highgate.	Rev. J. A. Fitch.											
Grace, Sheldon.	Rev. J. A. Fitch.						2	2		1		
Christ, Enosburgh.	Rev. M. Bingham.	18					2	4	6	4	1	1
Calvary, Berkshire.	Rev. E. H. Sayles.	32	131	60	191		4	4		1	1	2
Union, Montgomery.	Rev. E. H. Sayles.	35	90	67	157	2		2	2	1		1
St. John's, Derby-Line.												
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ROCHIAL REPORTS.

als	Communicants.)					Catechu's.			Contributions.							
	Total.	Added anew.	Removed into parish.	Removed from parish.	Died.	Present num-ber.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Alms at Communion.	Diocesan Missions.	Gen'l Missions		Contingent Fund of the Diocese.	Other purposes.	Total.
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3	3	2	3	3		43			30	10.32	3.25	5.00		5.00	2.00	25.57
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2		6	1			38				17.59	6.77			4.00		24.36
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NOTICE.

THE next annual Convention of this Diocese will be held at
ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, Burlington, on the third Wednesday
September, 1845.

Wm. HENRY HOIT,
Secretary

Form of Certificate for Lay-Delegates.

"I hereby certify, that, at a meeting of the Vestry of
Church, ———, holden, as the Canon directs, on
Monday, in the year of our Lord ———, A. B. and C. D.
Members of the Vestry, were duly elected Delegates to represent
the said Parish in the ensuing Convention of the Diocese.

"N. M., *Secretary of the Vestry*

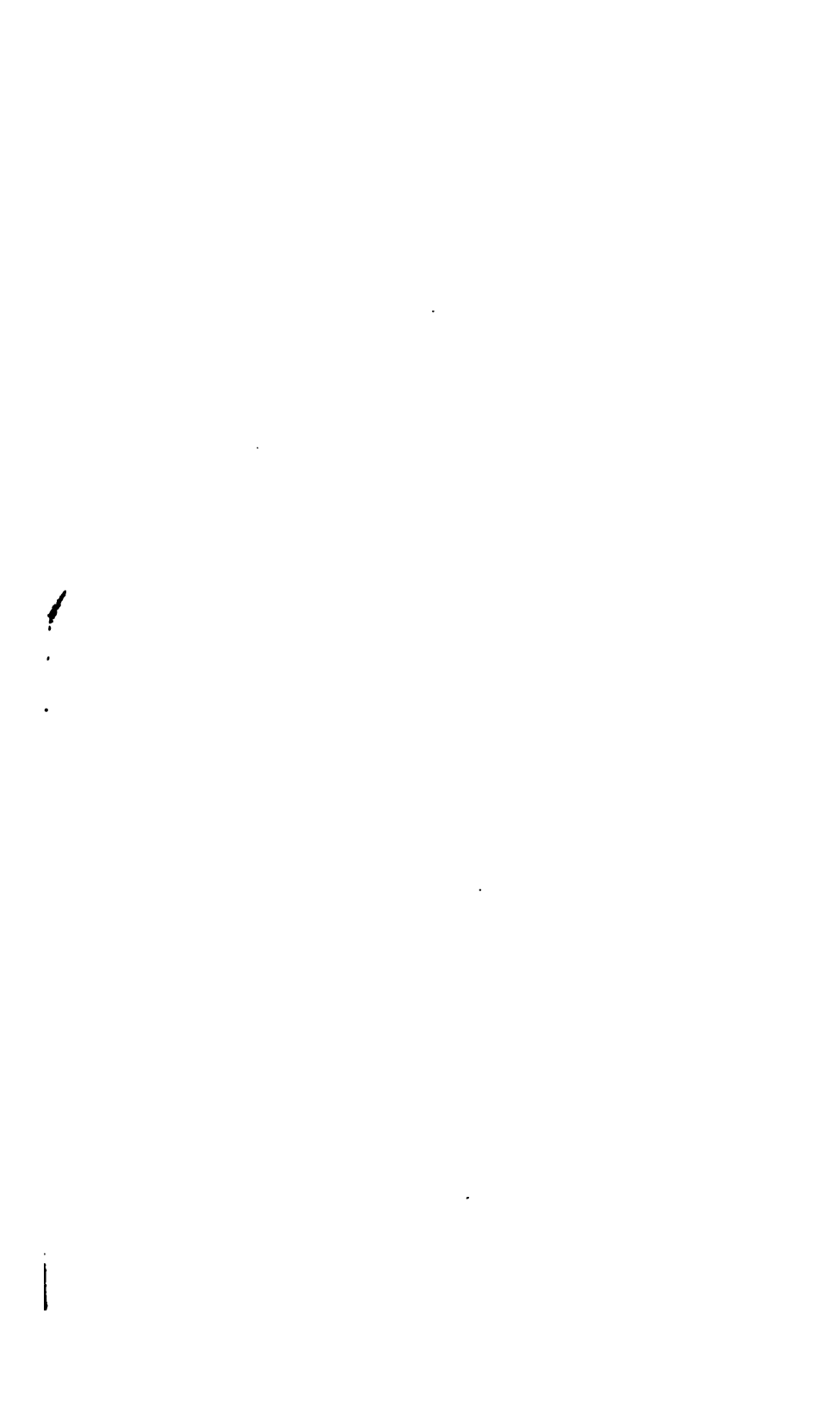
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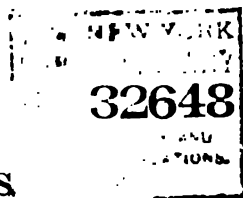
Diocese of Vermont.

FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION.

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THE PROCEEDINGS



OF THE
FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE
PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE
Diocese of Vermont;

BEING THE THIRTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION SINCE THE FULL
ORGANIZATION OF THE DIOCESE:

HELD IN
ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, BURLINGTON,
ON THE
17TH AND 18TH DAYS OF SEPTEMBER,
1845.

Burlington:
CHAUNCEY GOODRICH.

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ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, BURLINGTON, }
September 17th, 1845. }

THIS being the day appointed for the meeting of the Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Vermont, the Bishop, Clergy, and Lay Delegates from the Parishes assembled in St. Paul's Church, Burlington, and at 9 o'clock, A. M., the Convention was called to order by the Rt. Rev. Bishop of the Diocese, who took the chair, *ex officio*; the Rev. Wm. Henry Hoit being Secretary.

On calling the list of the Clergy entitled to seats in the Convention, and of the Parishes entitled to representation therein, a quorum of both Clergy and Laity was found to be present, and the Convention was duly organized.

The Clergy present were

The Rt. Rev. JOHN HENRY HOPKINS, D. D.,

The Rev. Henry Blackaller, The Rev. Wm. Henry Hoit,

" Samuel B. Bostwick,	" George B. Manser,
" Joel Clap, D. D.,	" Joseph F. Phillips,
" Charles Cleveland,	" Albin K. Putnam,
" John A. Fitch,	" Edward F. Putnam.
" John A. Hicks,	

The Lay Delegates present were Messrs.

William Benedict,	from Zion Church, Manchester,
Alexander Fleming,	“ Immanuel Church, Bellows Falls,
Aaron Lewis,	“ St. John’s Church, Poultney,
Luther Thrall, }	“ Trinity Church, Rutland,
Charles Clement, }	“ Christ Church, Bethel,
Paul Flinn,	“ St. Stephen’s Church, Middlebury,
Nahum Parker, }	“ Trinity Church, Shelburne,
Ozias Seymour, }	“ St. Paul’s Church, Burlington,
Heman Chittenden,	“ Calvary Church, Jericho,
George B. Shaw, }	“ Christ Church, Fairfax,
Nath’l A. Tucker, }	“ Union Church, St. Alban’s,
Richard G. Cole, }	“ Grace Church, Sheldon.
Phineas Atwater,	
Nathan Buck,	
Bildad Paull, }	
Gardner G. Smith, }	
I. J. Potter,	

On motion, *resolved*, That Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church, not canonically entitled to seats in this Convention, all Clergymen of the Church of England, and all Candidates for Holy Orders in this Church, who may be present, be, and hereby are, invited to attend the sittings of the Convention.

The Rev. Messrs. Henry M. Davis, Isaac G. Hubbard, James Stephenson, Louis McDonald, and John T. Sabine, of this Diocese, and the Rev. Jonathan Taylor of Canada East, were present, and took seats in the Convention under the above resolution.

The Convention then proceeded to the choice of Secretary and Treasurer.

The Rev. ALBIN K. PUTNAM was elected Secretary, the Rev. Wm. Henry Hoit having declined a re-election.

NAHUM PARKER, Esq., was re-elected Treasurer.

On motion, *resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention

be presented to the Rev. Mr. Hoit for his long and faithful services as Secretary of this Convention.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to attend divine service, and to meet again at half past 2 o'clock, P. M.

Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. Joel Clap, D. D. The Rev. Joseph F. Phillips preached the Sermon; and the Rev. John A. Fitch and the Rev. Edward F. Putnam, Deacons, were admitted to the Holy Order of the Priesthood by the Bishop. The Candidates were presented by the Rev. Henry Blackaller, and the Bishop was assisted in the Holy Communion by the Rev. Mr. Phillips.

2½ P. M., OF THE SAME DAY.

The Convention then re-assembled, pursuant to adjournment.

The following Lay Delegates, not present in the morning, appeared and took their seats in the Convention, viz: Messrs.

Beers Booth,	from St. Paul's Church, Vergennes,
Joseph Bartram,	" Trinity Church, Fairfield,
Horace O. Green,	" Union Church, St. Alban's,
Linus Clark,	" St. Paul's Church, Wells,
J. J. Starr,	" St. Paul's Church, Burlington.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop of the Diocese then delivered his annual

ADDRESS.

MY RESPECTED AND BELOVED BRETHREN IN CHRIST,
THE CLERGY AND LAITY OF THIS CONVENTION:

THE year which has elapsed, since I had the pleasure of addressing you, has been one of extraordinary interest and importance in the history of our Church; producing a variety of events which you will not expect me to detail on the present occasion. The recital could give you no information which you do not already possess, through the channels of

our various periodicals. And the course which my sense of official duty has led me to adopt, is too well known to need any repetition. I shall not occupy your time, therefore, longer than may be necessary for the recital of the usual routine of my diocesan services, postponing any discussion of extraneous subjects to a future day.

My visitation of the parishes during the past year commenced on Monday, the 2d day of June, at St. Paul's Church, Vergennes, where I preached. This Church was then vacant, but has since become supplied by an arrangement with Rev. I. G. Hubbard, of New Hampshire.

Tuesday, June 3d, I proceeded to Middlebury, where I attended the meeting of the Land Agents. And on Thursday, the 5th, I officiated in St. Stephen's Church, administered the Communion, preached twice, and confirmed five persons; the Rector, Rev. Jos. F. Phillips, and others of our clerical brethren, assisting.

Friday, June 6th, I visited St. Thomas' Church, Brandon, preached, and confirmed four persons; the Rector, Rev. Samuel B. Bostwick, assisting.

June 8th, being the third Sunday after Trinity, I officiated at Trinity Church, Rutland, and preached twice to large congregations.

June 9th, Monday, I visited the infant society of St. James' Church, Castleton, and preached.

June 10th, Tuesday, was devoted to St. John's Church, Poultney, which had been for some time vacant, but is now happily supplied by an engagement with Rev. James Stephenson.

June 11th, Wednesday, I proceeded to St. Paul's Church, Wells, also vacant, where I preached. This parish presents a good field of usefulness to an energetic and faithful preacher.

June 12th, Thursday, I visited Zion Church, Manchester, which was growing very encouragingly under the abundant

labors of its present Rector, Rev. Henry Blackaller. Here I preached twice, and confirmed two persons.

June 13th, Friday, I proceeded to St James' Church, Arlington, which I was rejoiced to find again supplied with a pastor, and zealously occupied in that important work, the erection of a comfortable and handsome parsonage. I preached, and confirmed one person, assisted by the Rector, Rev. Fred. A. Wadleigh, who had been transferred from Guilford, with my consent, after two years of successful labors.

June 15th, being the fourth Sunday after Trinity, I passed with the parish of St. Peter's Church, Bennington, which had been vacated by the resignation of Rev. Nath'l O. Preston in October, 1844. Here I officiated morning and afternoon, and left them in the hope of being soon supplied.

From Bennington I proceeded to New York, in order to attend the annual Meeting of the Board of Missions, and also that of the General Theological Seminary. This latter duty, however, interfered with my appointments on the eastern side of the mountains, by detaining me one day longer than I had anticipated; and therefore I was obliged, to my great regret, to send letters of apology to those parishes, and name a later period for that part of my visitation.

On Monday, July 14th, I resumed my work by visiting Union Church, St. Alban's, where I preached to a full congregation, and administered the ordinance of Confirmation to fifteen persons, assisted by the Rector, Rev. Wm. H. Hoit. It was, in many respects, a very interesting occasion.

July 15th, Tuesday, I proceeded to Trinity Church, Fairfield, preached in the morning, and confirmed six persons. In the afternoon of the same day I visited Christ Church, Fairfax, and preached. These parishes have been prospering under the ministry of Rev. E. F. Putnam, who assisted in the services.

July 16th, Wednesday, I went to Christ Church, Enosburgh, where I preached, and confirmed two persons. This

parish, having become vacant by the resignation of Rev. Moore Bingham, united with Sheldon under the ministry of Rev. John A. Fitch, who divides his time between them. He accompanied me very kindly through the remaining part of my northern visitation, and assisted in the services from day to day.

July 17th, Thursday, I proceeded to Calvary Church, Berkshire, where I preached in the morning, and confirmed two persons. In the afternoon I visited Union Church, Montgomery, preached, and confirmed five persons. These parishes continue united and prosperous under the care of Rev. E. H. Sayles, Rector.

July 18th, Friday, I visited Grace Church, Sheldon, which remains under the ministerial care of Rev. Mr. Fitch along with Enosburgh, and appears to be in a prosperous condition. Here I preached in the morning, and confirmed six persons, being especially rejoiced to learn that the time for erecting a new church was thought to be fast approaching. The afternoon was devoted to St. John's Church, Highgate, where I preached, and confirmed one person. This parish had become vacant by the resignation of Rev. Mr. Fitch, who took, instead of it, the Church at Enosburgh. It therefore affords another field of useful and interesting labor, and in connexion with Swanton Falls, where several Episcopal families reside who are anxious to have regular services, it is believed that a faithful and zealous man would find it an advantageous location.

In pursuance of previous arrangements, I proceeded, on Tuesday, the 2d of September, to Christ Church, Montpelier, where I preached, and confirmed four persons, the Rector, Rev. George B. Manser, assisting.

September 3d, Wednesday, I went on to Grace Church, Randolph, where I preached in the Congregational house of worship.

September 4th, Thursday, I visited Christ Church, Bethel,

and officiated alone, in consequence of the illness of Rev. James Sabine, the Rector, whose advanced years and precarious state of health will probably render it necessary that he should retire from the active duties of the parochial ministry. In this event it is likely that a new arrangement will be made for the location of the Church in the flourishing village of Bethel, a measure which the diminished population in its present neighborhood seems to render expedient. And while the parish intend to do their duty to their aged and faithful Rector, who has served them so long, it will become the care, I trust, of the rest of the diocese to aid, so far as shall be necessary, in rendering the remainder of his days easy and comfortable.*

September 5th, Friday; I proceeded to St. Paul's Church, Royalton, where I preached, and administered Confirmation to one person; the Rev. Joel Clap, D. D., assisting. This small and feeble parish is vacant, but hopes to derive encouragement and aid from the projected change in the Church at Bethel, which will bring the future minister of that congregation within four miles, and thus enable them to have the benefit of his services with comparative facility.

September 7th, being the sixteenth Sunday after Trinity, I devoted to the parishes of St. James', Woodstock, and St. Paul's, Windsor. At Woodstock I preached in the morning, confirmed one person, and administered the Holy Eucharist, assisted by Rev. Mr. Slafter of the diocese of Massachusetts, and by Rev. Joel Clap, D. D., the Rector, who afterwards accompanied me to Windsor. There I preached again, assisted by Rev. Dr. Clap. This much diminished, but important parish, has become vacant by the resignation of their former Rector, Rev. Mr. Wilson, and designs to obtain the services of another as soon as possible. Meanwhile the Rev. O. H. Staples of the diocese of New Hampshire, who has taken charge of the

*While the Journal was yet in press, intelligence of his death was received.

Academy, kindly officiates *pro tempore*. We earnestly pray that the time may soon arrive when the Church in that beautiful village shall be restored, by the divine blessing, to its former prosperity, and go on rejoicing.

September 8th, Monday, I proceeded to Immanuel Church, Bellows Falls, where I preached to a large congregation, and confirmed six persons; the Rector, Rev. A. K. Putnam, and Rev. N. Sprague of the diocese of New Hampshire, assisting.

September 9th, Tuesday, I visited Christ Church, Guilford, which had been rendered vacant by the transfer of its late Rector, Rev. Fred. A. Wadleigh, to Arlington, but had enjoyed the services of Rev. N. G. Allen of the diocese of Massachusetts, for some weeks before my arrival. Here I preached, and confirmed five persons, assisted by Mr. Allen. The church edifice had been well painted within and without, and the aisles carpeted, since my last visit, and the congregation seemed in good hope for the time to come. Assuredly they deserve the praise of doing their utmost, according to their ability, and we trust that the Lord of the harvest will give them an abundant blessing. In the evening of the same day I officiated in Brattleboro', where there are still a few of our people. May the goodness of God multiply them in due season.

September 14th, being the 17th Sunday after Trinity, visited Trinity Church, Shelburne, and preached; the Rector, Rev. Charles Cleveland, assisting.

To the above I have only to add the services in my own parish, St. Paul's Church, Burlington, on February 21st, being the evening of Good Friday, when I confirmed ten persons; making the whole number confirmed in the diocese since our last Convention amount to seventy-six.

There have been several changes in our ministry, during the past year. Rev. W. D. Wilson has been dismissed to the diocese of Western New York, Rev. N. O. Preston, to the diocese of Louisiana, and Rev. O. H. Staples to the diocese

of New Hampshire. On the other hand, we have received Rev. James Stephenson from Connecticut, and Rev. I. G. Hubbard from New Hampshire, and Rev. Josiah Perry has returned to us from Florida, with his health so much improved, that he hopes to continue in the diocese.

There have been only two ordinations, viz: of Rev. John A. Fitch and Rev. E. F. Putnam, both to the Holy Order of Priesthood, which you witnessed this day.

We have not been favored with any accessions to our candidates for Holy Orders, but one of our former candidates, Josiah Swett, Jr., late Professor in the Norwich University, has been transferred to the diocese of New Hampshire, in which he now resides.

Our vacant parishes are the following, viz :

St. John's Church, Highgate,
 St. Paul's Church, Roylton,
 St. Paul's Church, Windsor,
 Christ Church, Guilford,
 St. Peter's Church, Bennington,
 St. Paul's Church, Wells.

All the above have edifices for public worship, nearly all of which are of the average size, most of them well finished, and some of them, beautifully. Besides the above, there is Grace Church, Randolph, St. James' Church, Castleton, two infant parishes at Milton and Jericho, and one at Rochester, where there is no church edifice, and but a doubtful prospect of there being any for some time to come. The call for well-qualified laborers amongst us, is therefore sufficiently manifest. And I cannot complain of any want of good feeling towards the diocese. Not a year passes that does not bring me several applications from clergymen who desire to settle in Vermont. But there are no funds at my disposal to defray their travelling expenses, and it hardly ever happens that they can afford to journey upon an uncertain experiment. The parishes cannot engage them until they have an

opportunity to see and judge of the probability of their obtaining a maintenance ; and the accounts which I am compelled in candor to give upon the subject of salary, are not such as to justify a stranger in coming from other quarters on a mere contingency.

This, in truth, is the only difficulty. Few of our ministers have ever left Vermont during the thirteen years of my episcopate, for any other reason than the want of means to live with decent comfort. In all other respects, the diocese is rather an attractive portion of the great Vineyard. And I am persuaded that if ever the time shall come when our people can insure a competent support to their clergy, no part of the land can be more confident of having a full supply.

The public business of the Church has seriously interfered, during the past year, with the time which I had hoped to employ in visiting the diocese. Within twelve months, including the call to assist at the consecration of Rev. Dr. Potter, I shall have paid two visits of official duty to Philadelphia, and as many to New York, occupying, on the whole, more than one fourth part of the year. It is devoutly to be hoped that the same necessities will not occur again. My expectation, under divine favor, is that I shall be able to spend more time in my visitation of the diocese, for the future, and thus accomplish an improvement which will be equally acceptable to my brethren and to myself.

And now, my beloved brethren, having no special suggestions to make, I commend you all to the blessing of Him who alone maketh men to be of one mind ; whose wisdom is our only safe dependence, and whose favor is our only sure reward.

JOHN H. HOPKINS.

The Bishop's Address being concluded, on motion, the Convention proceeded to the choice of officers for the ensu-

ing year. On balloting, as the Canon directs, the following elections were declared to be duly made, viz :

FOR STANDING COMMITTEE :

Rev. Joel Clap, D. D.,
 " George B. Manser,
 " Joseph F. Phillips,
 " John A. Hicks,
 " Wm. Henry Hoit.

The Rev. Mr. Hoit and the Rev. Mr. Manser declined serving on the Committee, and the following were elected in their place :

Rev. Albin K. Putnam,
 " Samuel B. Bostwick.

FOR CLERICAL DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION :

Rev. Joel Clap, D. D.,
 " Wm. Henry Hoit,
 " John A. Hicks,
 " Joseph F. Phillips.

FOR LAY DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION :

Messrs. Charles K. Williams,
 Isaac F. Redfield,
 Charles Linsley,
 Alexander Fleming.

FOR COMMITTEE OF FINANCE :

Messrs. Nahum Parker,
 Gardner G. Smith,
 Richard G. Cole.

FOR LAY MEMBERS OF THE MISSIONARY COMMITTEE :

Messrs. Nahum Parker,
 Gardner G. Smith,
 Richard G. Cole.

On motion, *resolved*, To proceed to fix upon a place for the meeting of the next Convention.

On motion, *resolved*, That the next Annual Convention of the Diocese be held in Immanuel Church, Bellows Falls.

The Rev. Mr. Manser was appointed Preacher before the next Convention, the Rev. Mr. Sayles to be his substitute ; and the Rev. Mr. Bingham Preacher for the evening next preceding the Convention, the Rev. Mr. Blackaller to be his substitute.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to meet again at seven o'clock this evening.

7 o'clock P. M., SAME DAY.

The Convention met, pursuant to adjournment.

The Rev. Dr. Clap proposed the following Canon, which was approved by the Convention, and laid over for final action to-morrow.

CANON XXIV.

Of Vacant Parishes.

Whenever a Parish in this Diocese becomes vacant, it shall report itself to the Bishop ; who may, if requested, make appointments, from time to time, for such Clergymen as can most conveniently perform the duty, to officiate occasionally in such parish, until the vacancy is filled. The expenses incurred by a Clergyman in the performance of such services shall be defrayed by said parish.

The Parochial Reports were then called for, and laid upon the Secretary's table to be printed with the Journal.

The Rev. Mr. Hoit introduced a resolution upon the subject of the Land Agency ; whereupon,

On motion, *resolved*, To commit the same to a special committee, to report to-morrow morning.

The Rev. Mr. Hoit, and Messrs. Shaw and Parker, were appointed the committee.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to meet again to-morrow morning at nine o'clock.

THURSDAY, Sept. 18th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Convention met, pursuant to adjournment. The Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. Mr. Hubbard.

The Secretary read the minutes of the yesterday's session, which, on motion, were approved by the Convention.

The Rev. Dr. Clap then called up the Canon, "Of Vacant Parishes," proposed by him yesterday, and it was confirmed by both orders, without dissent.

The Bishop then made the following communication to the Convention :

Brethren, I have been requested, by one of our respected Rectors, to state my opinion on a point of ecclesiastical order, as follows :

"Will the Rt. Rev. the President of the Convention, oblige a presbyter by stating to the Convention his views respecting the propriety of the use of the Surplice in the ministrations of the pulpit? The object of this request is to promote, as far as may be, an uniformity of practice in the Diocese."

In answer to the above question, I can certainly affirm that the wearing of the Surplice in the pulpit is the old practice in the Cathedrals and College Chapels of our mother Church in England, and is therefore undoubtedly lawful and right in itself. But it is not obligatory any where else, and therefore the use of the Gown in the pulpit being the established practice of the Parishes, and of our own Church generally, is legalized by custom. For myself, I prefer the Surplice, because it avoids a needless change, and because it is properly, what the Gown is not, an ecclesiastical garment, derived from the linen ephod of the Jewish Church, and descending to us from the earliest antiquity. But as there is no positive law of the Church on the subject of the garment which the Clergyman is to wear in the pulpit, each minister is free to adopt his own choice, with regard to the rule of a sound and enlightened expediency. It has been my own custom to preach in the Surplice, since the year 1839, after my return from England. I should perhaps hesitate to make the change at this time, since it has become associated, in the minds of many, with certain objectionable notions in Theology. But where it is in accordance with the preference of the clergyman, and can be done without offending or disturbing his congregation, I should approve the practice.

The Chairman of the special Committee, to which was

committed a resolution upon the subject of the Land made the following report :

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of the Board Agency, would respectfully report to the Convention :

That it has been signified to them by a member of the Board confirmed by private communications laid before them from others of the Board to the same effect, that the condition of the Land from various causes, become so changed, as to render it advisable nomination of other or additional names be made to the Venerable Society in England. The Rt. Rev. Dr. Chase, formerly an active and able member of the Board, has, by his election to the Episcopate of Hampshire, been removed from the Diocese. Some of the members of the Board have become advanced in years, and their presence upon its meetings rendered thereby inconvenient and uncertain, while others still are desirous of withdrawing from the responsibility of the Agency. The Committee would therefore recommend that they should select the names of seven persons, who, together with the Reverend the Bishop, should the present Board concur in the measure, shall be nominated to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts for appointment as its Agents for the care and management of the lands in this Diocese. And that the present Board, in case it concur in the proposed measure, be requested to communicate the same to the Society, and respectfully ask from it the appointment of the persons that shall be recommended, and a Power of Attorney which they may act.

This Report was approved by the Convention ; whereupon

On motion, the Convention proceeded to make a resolution that seven persons to be nominated together with the Reverend the Bishop, should the present Board concur in the measure, shall be nominated to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts for appointment as its Agents, according to the tenor of the foregoing Report. The following were elected :

The Rev. Joel Clap, D. D,
 “ John A. Hicks,
 “ Joseph F. Phillips,
 The Hon. Isaac F. Redfield,
 Charles Linsley, Esq.,
 Henry F. Green, Esq.,
 George T. Hodges, Esq.

The Committee on Finance made a Report, recommending the following assessments to be made upon the several Parishes of the Diocese, to meet the current expenses of the year, viz:

Union Church, Montgomery, - - -	\$4 00
Calvary Church, Berkshire, - - -	4 00
Christ Church, Enosburgh, - - -	2 00
Grace Church, Sheldon, - - -	2 00
St. John's Church, Highgate, - - -	5 00
Union Church, St. Alban's, - - -	10 00
Trinity Church, Fairfield, - - -	3 00
Christ Church, Fairfax, - - -	2 00
St. Paul's Church, Burlington, - -	10 00
Trinity Church, Shelburne, - - -	4 00
St. Paul's Church, Vergennes, - - -	7 00
St. Stephen's Church, Middlebury, -	8 00
St. Thomas' Church, Brandon, - - -	3 00
Trinity Church, Rutland, - - -	6 00
St. John's Church, Poultney, - - -	4 00
St. Paul's Church, Wells, - - -	2 00
Zion Church, Manchester, . - - -	4 00
St. James' Church, Arlington, - - -	8 00
St. Peter's Church, Bennington, - -	2 00
Christ Church, Guilford, - - -	2 00
Immanuel Church, Bellows Falls, - -	10 00
St. Paul's Church, Windsor, - - -	4 00
St. James' Church, Woodstock, - - -	6 00
Christ Church, Bethel, - - -	2 00
St. Paul's Church, Royalton, - - -	2 00
Christ Church, Montpelier, - - -	4 00
Immanuel Church, Milton, - - -	2 00
Calvary Church, Jericho, - - -	2 00

\$126 00

The Treasurer also made a Report, which was accepted by the Convention.

Mr. Clark, of Wells, asked leave of absence from the further attendance upon the sittings of the Convention, which was granted.

On motion, *resolved*, To take up the Report of a Committee on Canons, which was referred to this Convention for consideration, for the purpose of moving its indefinite postponement.

On motion, *resolved*, That the further consideration of said Report be indefinitely postponed.

The Annual Report of the Board of Agents of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts was presented and read.

On motion, *resolved*, That the Secretary be and hereby is directed to cause 600 copies of the Journal of the Convention to be printed ; and, in addition to the provision made by the Canon upon the subject, to send six copies of the same to each Clergyman of the Diocese, by mail, unless otherwise instructed by the Clergyman himself.

The minutes of this day's session were then read, and approved.

On motion, *resolved*, That after the customary religious services, this Convention shall be adjourned. Whereupon, after the last four verses of the 99th Selection from the Psalms in metre were sung, the Right Reverend Bishop of the Diocese offered the usual prayers from the Liturgy appropriate to the occasion, gave his benediction, and the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

JOHN HENRY HOPKINS, D.D.,

President of the Convention.

Attest, ALBIN K. PUTNAM,

Secretary.

APPENDIX I.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BENNINGTON.

VACANT.

No Report.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, ARLINGTON.

THE REV. FRED. A. WADLEIGH, RECTOR.

Families, about	60
Baptisms, (adult 1, children 2)	3
Confirmed,	1
Burials, (parishioner 1, non-parishioner 1)	2
Communicants, added anew,	1
removed into the parish,	1
present number,	82
Catechumens,	63

This parish has, with commendable zeal, undertaken the erection of a convenient parsonage, which is now nearly ready for its Rector. It is owing to this circumstance mainly that no contributions have been taken up for Missionary and other important purposes. The Holy Communion has been administered but twice. The Communion alms are therefore inconsiderable. The Ladies' Mite Society is in successful operation. The parish appears to be united, and disposed to the performance of every good work, although, from the necessity of the case, for the present, its energies are engrossed in providing a comfortable residence for its Rector.

Our congregations are good, the best attention appears to be paid to the preaching of the Word, numbers are praying for the Divine blessing, and we are hoping that soon this ancient Church will be seen to be fulfilling her destiny in the training of souls for the kingdom of heaven.

ZION CHURCH, MANCHESTER.

THE REV. HENRY BLACKALLER, RECTOR.

Families, (comprising adults 105, children 69, total 174,)	36
Baptisms, (adults 2, children 7,)	9
Confirmed,	2
Burials, (parishioners 7, non-parishioners 5,)	12
Communicants added,	3
removed from the parish,	2
died,	3
present number,]	32
Catechumens, (boys 23, girls 26,)	49
members of the Bible Class,	19
Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	\$14.51
collected at the Festival of Christmas,	4.98
do. for S. School Library,	5.50
sum raised to form a Bible Class Li-	
brary,	20.00
Ladies' Sewing Circle,	15.00
Contingent Fund,	4 00
	\$63.99

Public Services on Sundays, on the greater Festivals and Fasts, on Fridays throughout Lent, and on the Fridays before Communion. Usually there is a third Service in Church on Sundays, and a Lecture in some other part of the parish once, and sometimes twice, in the week.

The administration of the Lord's Supper regularly once a month, and on the principal Festivals of the Church.

During the past conventional year, we have endeavored, as far as in us lies, 'both to save ourselves, and those committed to our care.'

We have sought to cherish in the minds of our people a deep and solemn sense of their baptismal obligations, believing that the spiritual duties and holy affections therein enjoined, when exhibited in life, are the best testimony to our pastoral fidelity, and the best answer to those who are disposed to charge us whether with formalism or Romanism.

We have deemed it our duty also, lest through negligence or indifference, or a sinful misapprehension of its nature, any should come to the Holy Communion, and eat and drink unworthily, not truly 'discerning the Lord's body', to follow out the apostolic practice, 'not to cease, in every house, to teach and preach Jesus Christ,' insisting on that 'lively faith in God's mercy through Christ, and thankful remembrance of his death, and fervent charity with all men,' required by the Church of those who come to the Lord's supper. (See Catechism.)

Although we are unable to report any extended sensibility to religious impressions, we are happy in being able to say that there is a very perceptible growth of attachment to the Church and her holy ordinances. And although, from the character of our population, the growth of the Church in Manchester will, in all probability, be gradual, our persuasion is, that with the divine blessing, it will yet become a flourishing portion of the Lord's vineyard.

The means of the parish, at present, are comparatively small, and we have had to exercise a rigid economy. But we think the success which has attended our efforts upon the plan of systematic charity indicates a growing disposition to give more liberally to the Lord. We have obtained about 50 subscribers, at 50 cents *per annum*, to form a Parish Library. We have also recently organized our Sunday School into a Juvenile Missionary Association, having eight collectors, who collect monthly in their respective districts a cent per week, or per month, or per quarter, as the case may be. They will raise, at the end of the first year, between \$20 and \$30, which is to be applied directly in support of the missionary operations of the Church.

The children meet semi-monthly to knit and sew, under the direction of older ladies. Missionary intelligence is read to them, with singing, and prayer by the Rector.

The contemplated alteration and embellishment of our church edifice has been delayed, not for want of funds, however, but of carpenters; but we hope for its completion this autumn.

CHRIST CHURCH, GUILFORD.

VACANT.

Families , (comprising adults 114, children 97, total 211,) . . .	36
Baptisms ,	2
Marriages ,	4
Communicants , removed from the parish,	3
present number,	60
Catechumens ,	60
Contribution to the Contingent Fund of the Diocese ,	\$2.00

Since the resignation of this Parish by the Rev. F. A. Wadleigh, the regular services of the Church have been kept up, with the exception of two Sundays at a time when the church was undergoing repairs. The Rev. N. G. Allen, from Massachusetts, has officiated from August 3d to the present time. The desk and pulpit were, before his coming, supplied by the neighboring Clergy, and by Lay-Reading.

Reported by the Wardens of the Parish.

IMMANUEL CHURCH, BELLOWS FALLS.

THE REV. ALBIN K. PUTNAM, RECTOR.

Families, (comprising adults 224, children 132, total 356,)	71
Baptisms, (adults 5, children 19,)	24
Confirmed,	6
Marriages,	6
Burials,	6
Communicants, added anew,	9
removed into the parish,	0
removed from the parish,	3
died,	2
present number,	156
Catechumens, (boys 41, girls 59,)	100
Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	\$60.49
for Diocesan Missions,	12.92
for General Missions, Domestic,	35.00
for the Contingent Fund of the Diocese,	12.00
for other purposes,	94.00

Total, \$214 41

Public Services, regular, on Sundays ; and during a great part of the year, upon the Festivals and Fasts, and on Wednesday—mornings ; with Sermons upon the more important—days.

Occasional, on some Sunday evenings, a third service—Administrations of the Holy Eucharist, twelve times in the year in the Church, and several times to the sick.

Remarks.—The Rector is willing, after the test of several years experience here and elsewhere, to bear witness to the good effects of week-day prayers in Church. He has found that the more devout of his congregation have sought to make use of these occasions of retirement from the busy duties of the world for communion with God. The earnest manner in which the responses have been made, apparently more earnest than upon Sundays, because uttered by the whole congregation, has had a cheerful influence upon his heart, giving him hope that there are among this people at least a few devout ones, according to whose earnest prayers God will continue to bless us, and add to our numbers such as shall be saved.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, TINMOUTH.

VACANT.

No Report.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, WELLS.

VACANT.

Baptism, (infant,)	1
Burials,	3
Communicants, removed from the parish,	2
died,	2
present number,	26

The afflictions of this Parish have been very severe for a few years past ; and particularly, since our last Report, in having been deprived by sickness of the services of our esteemed and beloved Rector, the Rev. Louis McDonald. The Church has been opened for Lay-Reading every other Lord's day for the greater part of the time during his sickness, and since he resigned the charge of the parish.

The debt of the parish, incurred in building our church edifice, has, by the blessing of God upon our own exertions, and the liberality of individuals in other parishes, been nearly cancelled. We would take this opportunity to acknowledge the receipt of \$222.00, by the hand of Orlin Lewis, from individuals, and from the following parishes : St. Peter's, Bennington ; St. James', Arlington ; Zion, Manchester ; Immanuel, Bellows Falls ; the Ladies' Circle of Industry, Bellows Falls ; St. Stephen's, Tinmouth ; Trinity, Rutland ; St. Paul's, Windsor ; St. Paul's, Royalton ; Christ, Bethel ; St. Stephen's, Middlebury ; St. Paul's, Burlington ; and Union, St. Alban's.

Reported by David B. Lewis, Senior Warden.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, EAST POULTNEY.

THE REV. JAMES STEPHENSON, MINISTER.

Communicants, about	40
Sunday scholars,	30
Members of the Bible class, about	20

Since my connection with the parish, which took place in the end of July last, there have been two baptisms, and three burials. A collection has been taken in aid of the missions of the church, amounting to \$4.00.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, CASTLETON.

VACANT.

Families,	15
Communicants,	9

Services—The Rev. Mr. Hicks has officiated here one Sunday, and held two other services on week-days. It is hoped that an arrangement will be made for public service on Sundays, at least once in four weeks.

The Holy Communion has been administered once.

Note.—It is understood that, by an oversight, the organization of this parish did not appear in the Journal of the Convention of 1844.

TRINITY CHURCH, RUTLAND.

THE REV. JOHN A. HICKS, RECTOR.

Families, (comprising adults 120, children 75, total 195,)	
Marriage, (parishioners, 1,)	
Burials, (parishioner 1, non-parishioners 4,)	
Communicants, removed from the parish,	1
died,	1
present number,	
Catechumens, (boys 15, girls 20,)	
Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	\$25.00
for Diocesan Missions,	35.00
for General Missions, Domestic,	18.00
Foreign,	18.00
for the Contingent Fund of the Diocese,	8.00
Total,	<u>\$10</u>

Public Services, regular, as in former years.

Occasional, October 23d, 1844, attended the funeral
communicant of the church in Poultney at Gran-
N. Y., and preached in the church in that village.

29th, 1845, preached in Castleton. June 25th, ad-
mitted the communion in Castleton to a sick mem-
ber of the church. Aug. 24th, Sunday, preached in Castle-

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, BRANDON.

THE REV. SAMUEL B. BOSTWICK, RECTOR.

Families, (comprising adults 46, children 45, total 91,)	
Baptisms, (adults 2, children 3,)	
Confirmed,	
Marriage,	
Burials, (parishioner 1, non-parishioner 1,)	
Communicants, added anew,	5
removed into the parish,	1
present number,	
Catechumens, (boys 13, girls 17,)	
Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	\$18.55
Diocesan Missions,	4.89
Western "	5.38
Foreign "	1.00
Domestic "	3.00
Contingent Fund of the Diocese,	4.00
Parochial purposes,	7.83
Total,	<u>\$44</u>

Public services, regular, morning and evening on Sundays.

Occasional, morning prayer on Wednesdays and Fridays during Lent, and daily during Passion week—also on Christmas day, and on the Thanksgiving and Fast days appointed by the civil authority. Week-day evening services have been attended in adjoining neighborhoods during a portion of the year. Administrations of the Holy Eucharist monthly, and on Christmas day.

The prospects of the parish are as encouraging as usual, and the growth of the congregation is manifest.

UNION CHURCH, SPRINGFIELD.

VACANT,

No Report.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, WINDSOR.

VACANT.

No Report.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, WOODSTOCK.

THE REV. JOEL CLAP, D. D., RECTOR.

Families,	31
Confirmed,	1
Marriage, (parishioners,)	2
Burials, (parishioners,)	2
Communicants, added anew,	2
removed from the parish,	3
died,	2
removed into the parish,	1
present number,	58
Contributions, offerings at the Holy communion, which have been appropriated as follows:	
To Diocesan Missions,	\$25.19
Contingent Fund of the Diocese,	6.00

Total, \$31.19

Public services, morning and evening on every Sunday except six, when the Rector was absent on other duties.

Occasional, evening preceding Christmas, Christmas day, Ash Wednesday, and Fast day appointed by the civil authority.

Administration of the Holy Eucharist eleven times.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, ROYALTON.

THE REV. JOEL CLAP, D. D., MINISTER.

Families,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17
Baptisms, (infant 1, adult 1.)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Confirmation,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Communicants, added anew,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
removed from the parish,	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	
present number,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	35
Contributions, offerings at the Holy communion,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$13.80
from which \$3.00 have been paid to the contingent fund of the Diocese.								

Administrations of the Holy Eucharist, nine times.

Public services, regular, morning and evening every Sunday, conducted by a lay-reader in the absence of a clergyman to perform the same.

CHRIST CHURCH, BETHEL.

THE REV. JAMES SABINE, RECTOR.

Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2

The state of things, in a spiritual point of view, is not improved since last year's report. No inquiry "What must I do to be saved." No increasing thirst for the Word and the Water of Life.

It is not very likely that I shall ever see you again in convention; my infirmities and afflictions are of such a nature as to preclude the hope of any future labor and usefulness in the work of the ministry, in which I have been engaged for nearly half a century.

Hold fast and abide in the things which ye have already attained in the gospel, and wait for the appearing of the Son of God from heaven, who will bring to light the hidden things of darkness—and give the full reward of grace to all who love his appearing. Even so, come Lord Jesus—come quickly, Amen.

NOTE,—The Rev. Mr. Sabine departed this life, October 3, just two weeks after the close of the convention.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, MIDDLEBURY.

THE REV. JOSEPH F. PHILLIPS, RECTOR.

Families, about	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50
Baptisms, (children 9, adults 3,)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Confirmed,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Marriages, (parishioners 2, others 3,)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Burials, (parishioners 4, others 1,)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5

Communicants, added anew,	-	-	3	
added by removal,	-	-	5	
lost by removal,	-	-	15	
present number,	-	-	-	81
Catechumens, average number	-	-	-	50
Contributions, alms at the Holy communion,	-		\$28.68	
For General Missions, Domestic,			20.00	
Foreign,	-		15.00	
Diocesan Fund,	-	-	8.00	
For other purposes,	-	-	34.77	
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Total,	-	-		\$106.45

Public services, morning and evening service on every Sunday, on the Feast of the Nativity, and on Good Friday.

Morning service, on all the other Holy days, with a sermon or lecture.

Morning service, daily, during the Lent season, and on each Wednesday through the year.

Evening service on Fridays during the year with a lecture.

Administrations of the Holy Eucharist on the first Sunday of every month, on the Feast of the Nativity, of the Resurrection, of the Ascension, and of Whitsuntide.

The state of the parish differs in no material respect from that last reported, except in a considerable diminution in the number of communicants. This is owing to the migratory disposition which prevails so generally among the village population of this part of our country, and which leads the young and adventurous from their homes, to distant and more alluring fields of enterprise. This disposition of our people operates very extensively and materially to prevent the growth of our parishes, and often to discourage and almost to paralyze the exertions of the most diligent pastor. To see those on whom he has long bestowed his faithful instructions, and whom he has been accustomed to regard as the future supply and strength of his little flock, leaving him successively as fast as they attain to an age and capacity to be useful, is an evil which many a pastor has occasion to lament, but which none has power to remedy.

During the past year this little parish has sustained its full share of the persecuting rage, which our branch of the church has, in the providence of God, been called to endure. But the rector is happy to report that the effect has been among his people, (what he believes it to have been throughout the church,) to convince members of our "house-

hold of faith" of the necessity of more cordial union and coöperation—to confirm the faithful—to drive the erring home to the flock—and to attach all more firmly to the primitive and wholesome order and institutions of the church.

Though the rector is obliged to report a diminution in the number of his parishioners and communicants, yet he is happy to report no diminution in his people of christian zeal and devotion, of rational, practical piety, nor of affectionate regard toward their pastor.

The catechumens are instructed every Sunday under the supervision of the rector; and are catechized on communion Sundays in "open church."

The Ladies' Missionary Society continue their zealous and praiseworthy exertions.

Extra parochial services have been performed at Vergennes, at Bristol, at Ripton, at Woodstock, (for Rev. Mr. Clap, absent at the General Convention) and at Addison, at the funeral of Mrs. Laura B. wife of the Rev. Henry M. Davis.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, VERGENNES.

THE REV. I. G. HUBBARD, MINISTER.

Burial, (parishioner),	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Communicants, removed into the parish,	-	-	-	-	-	1	
removed from the parish,	-	-	-	-	-	5	
present number,	-	-	-	-	-	-	65
Catechumens,	-	-	-	-	-	-	20

The connection of the former Rector, Rev. Mr. Davis, with this parish was dissolved about the last of September, 1844. The present Minister commenced his labors on the 13th of July last, the 8th Sunday after Trinity.

During the intervening period the church was closed, except on the occasion of the yearly visit of the Rt. Rev. Bishop of the Diocese, and two or three Sundays when the Rev. Mr. Phillips of Middlebury very kindly officiated.

The efforts of the vestry to procure the services of a Minister having, for so long a time, proved unavailing, it may well be supposed the parish has suffered much for want of pastoral care. Still we have great reasons for thankfulness to Almighty God that no more injurious effects than are now apparent, have followed this long continued cessation of the public ministrations of the church.

Though the love of some has undoubtedly waxed cold, and a worldly spirit imperceptibly gained ground, yet there appear to be cheering indications of a return to new life and to harmonious and energetic action.

A Sunday school has been commenced under encouraging circumstances. Though its number of pupils is at present small, yet they are

very punctual in attendance and engaged in its exercises, and a very general interest is manifested in its prosperity by the members of the parish.

Additions are about being made to the S. S. Library, and it is expected that some necessary repairs upon the church edifice will be completed this fall.

The last official act of the former Rector, and the only one which marks the progress of the church for a whole year, was the burial of a parishioner.

God grant this may not prove emblematic of its future prospects.

TRINITY CHURCH, SHELBURNE.

THE REV. CHARLES CLEVELAND, RECTOR.

Baptisms, (adults 2, infant 1,)	-	-	-	-	3
Marriage,	-	-	-	-	1
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	7
Communicants, added anew,	-	-	-	2	
died,	-	-	-	1	
present number, (not reported.)					

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, BURLINGTON.

THE RT. REV. JOHN HENRY HOPKINS, D. D., RECTOR.

Families, (removed 3, added 4,) present number,	-	-	53
Students at College and other transient persons,	-	-	10
Baptisms, (adult 1, children 9,)	-	-	10
Confirmed,	-	-	10
Marriage,	-	-	1
Funerals,	-	-	4
Communicants, added,	-	-	8
removed,	-	-	6
present number,	-	-	120
Catechumens, (boys 15, girls 22,)	-	-	37
Contributions, alms at the Communion,	-	\$76.37	
for General Missions, Domestic,	-	48.65	
Foreign,	-	61.70	
for contingent fund of the Diocese,	-	12.00	

Total, - - \$198.72

Public services, regular, morning and evening on each Lord's day, on the greater Festivals, Thanksgiving day, morning prayer throughout the season of Lent on Wednesdays and Fridays, and morning and evening service with a lecture every day throughout Passion week. The Holy Eucharist

has been administered as usual on the first Sunday of every month, and the Festival of Easter, those Sundays being excepted when the Rector was absent on official duty.

The condition of the parish is slowly progressive, and, on the whole, encouraging.

CALVARY CHURCH, JERICHO.

VACANT.

Arthur Bostwick, Lay-Reader.

Families, (adults 16, children 16, total 32,)	-	-	8
Baptisms, by Rev. S. B. Bostwick, children 2,	-	-	2
Communicants, removed into the parish,	-	2	
present number,	-	-	10
Catechumens, boys 7, girls 4,	-	-	11
Contributions, for contingent fund of the Diocese,	-	-	\$2.00
Public services, morning prayer and the reading of a sermon on Sundays, after which the children are instructed in the catechism. The sermons which have been read are those by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Hopkins on "the Primitive Creed," and others by the Rev. A. W. Hare, "To a Country Congregation." The Holy communion has been administered once by the Rev. S. B. Bostwick.			

Though we do not enjoy the regular services of a Minister, yet we are encouraged by finding ourselves benefitted by the church prayers and the sermons that are read ; and by the interest which our children feel in the services and in their catechism. And we hope the Lord will so prosper us that in his good time we may have a church and minister among us.

IMMANUEL CHURCH, MILTON.

VACANT.

No report.

CHRIST CHURCH, MONTPELIER.

THE REV. GEO. B. MANSER, RECTOR.

Families, (comprising adults 124, children 48, total 172,)	-	-	54
Baptisms, (adults 2, children 3,)	-	-	5
Confirmed,	-	-	4
Marriages, (parishioners 2,)	-	-	2
Burials, (parishioners 4,)	-	-	4
Communicants, added anew,	-	-	8
removed into the parish,	-	2	
removed from the parish,	-	2	
present number,	-	-	32

sums, (boys 20, girls 20,) - - -	49
Contributions, alms at the Holy communion, -	\$54.80
for General Missions, Domestic, -	7.70
Foreign, -	5.00
for the contingent fund of the Diocese, -	4.00
for other purposes, about the church edifice and Library of Sunday school, &c. -	97.00

Total, - - - \$168.00

Services, regular, on each Lord's day and the greater Festivals of the church.

Occasional, services in church at other times. The administrations of the Holy Eucharist, have been on the first Sunday of each month, according to custom, and also at Christmas, and on Good Friday.

CHRIST CHURCH, FAIRFAX.

THE REV. EDWARD F. PUTNAM, RECTOR.

Summed, - - - - -	1
Age, (parishioners) - - - - -	1
l, (parishioner) - - - - -	1
nunicants, added anew, - - - 1	
present number, - - - - -	28
sums, - - - - -	28
class, - - - - -	18
Contributions, for contingent fund, - - - - -	\$2.00
Services, regular, on Sundays alternately with Fairfield, also on Thanksgiving day.	

TRINITY CHURCH, FAIRFIELD.

THE REV. EDWARD F. PUTNAM, RECTOR.

sums, (adult 1, children 5,) - - - - -	6
Summed, - - - - -	5
ages, (parishioners,) - - - - -	2
als, (parishioners,) - - - - -	5
nunicants, added anew, - - - - 5	
died, - - - - - 2	
present number, - - - - -	65
sums, (boys 26, girls 20,) - - - - -	55
Contributions, alms at the offertory, - - - - -	\$8.00
for the contingent fund of the Diocese, - - - - -	2.00
Total, - - - - -	\$8.00

Public services, regular, on Sundays and the principal Festivals and Fasts. A third service has been held once in four weeks during a large portion of the year at a distant school-house, and another has been recently commenced at a station farther yet from the parish church.

An addition of 95 volumes to the Sunday School Library has been made within the last year, procured from the church depository, which has contributed not only to deepen the interest of the scholars in their duties, but to promote their knowledge of church principles. The Rector instructs an advanced class of catechumens, and exercises personal supervision over the whole.

UNION CHURCH, ST. ALBAN'S.

THE REV. WILLIAM HENRY HOIT, RECTOR.

Families, (comprising adults 143, children 86, total 229,)	-	44
Baptisms, (adults 5, children 12,)	-	17
Confirmed,	-	15
Marriages, (parishioners 2, non-parishioners 1,)	-	3
Burials, (parishioners 5, non-parishioners 2,)	-	7
Communicants, added anew,	17	
removed from the parish,	9	
died,	3	
present number,	-	103
Contributions, alms at the Holy communion,	\$52.79	
for General Missions, Domestic,	24.46	
Foreign,	4.46	
for the contingent fund of the Diocese,	12.00	
for other purposes, viz : Missionary collec-		
tions \$34.22, from the poor box \$10.00	94.22	
Total,	-	\$187.93

Public services, regular, morning and evening prayer, Litany, and the Ante-Communion office, with sermons, on Sundays, and morning prayer and Litany on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Occasional, daily morning prayer during Lent, and in Holy Week the Eucharist in the morning, and evening prayer, with sermons in the afternoon ; evening prayer on the Rogation days ; and the office of the Holy Eucharist on all Holy Days, and on Thanksgiving Day.

Administrations of the Holy Eucharist, the first Sunday in every month ; on all the Sundays in Lent ; and on all Holy days ; in all 45 times, besides many occasions of its celebration privately with the sick.

Since the beginning of Lent, the Rector, instead of the former practice of dividing the children into classes with teachers, has catechized them himself between the hours of Morning and Evening Prayer on Sundays. But he is sorry to be obliged to add, that the attendance has not been so full as under the former mode. In other respects there is nothing especial to be observed respecting the general interests of the parish.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, HIGHGATE.

THE REV. JOHN A. FITCH, LATE MINISTER.

Baptisms, (adults 4, children 5)	-	-	-	9
Confirmed,	-	-	-	1
Communicants, about	-	-	-	50
Contributions, for Domestic Missions,	-	-	-	\$7.00

Mr. Fitch's connection with this parish closed the 4th day of May.

GRACE CHURCH, SHELDON.

THE REV. JOHN A. FITCH, RECTOR.

Baptisms, (adults 3, children 5)	-	-	-	8
Confirmed,	-	-	-	6
Marriages,	-	-	-	2
Communicants, added anew,	-	-	6	
present number, about	-	-	-	70
Catechumens, about	-	-	-	40
Contributions, for Foreign and Domestic Missions,			\$22.00	
for contingent fund of the Diocese,			2.00	
for other purposes,	-	-	5.00	

The present situation of this parish I consider to be more favorable than at the date of the last report ; and although I find that labor is not altogether in vain, yet there is an abundance still to be accomplished. May a gracious Providence send upon us the abundance of His grace.

CHRIST CHURCH, ENOSBURGH.

THE REV. JOHN A. FITCH, RECTOR.

Baptism, (child)	-	-	-	1
Confirmed,	-	-	-	2

Communicants, added anew,	-	2	
present number, about	-	-	40
Contributions, for Domestic and Foreign Missions,		\$8.00	
for the contingent fund of the Diocese,		2.00	

My connection with this parish commenced on the first Sunday of June, since which time I have preached every other Sunday. My services have been pretty well attended.

The church in this parish has had much to contend with, but I trust that with the blessing of God it may yet be numbered among our strong parishes.

CALVARY CHURCH, EAST BERKSHIRE.

THE REV. E. H. SAYLES, RECTOR.

Families, (comprising adults 130, children 65, total 195,)	.	.	34
Baptisms, (adult 1, children 6,)	.	.	7
Confirmed,	.	.	2
Marriages,	.	.	1
Burial, (parishioner 1,)	.	.	1
Communicants, added anew,	.	3	
present number,	.	.	63
Catechumens, (boys 12, girls 40,)	.	.	52
Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	.	\$6.70	
Contingent Fund of the Diocese,	.	24.00	
For other purposes,	.	7.83	
Total,			\$34.70

Public Services, regular, two every Sunday, and frequently three, though the third is never held in the church.

Occasional, on the principal Festivals of the church, and on those appointed by the executive.

Administrations of the Holy Eucharist, once in two months and on the principal Festivals and Fasts.

Remarks.—Lay reading and the Sunday school are regularly sustained in the absence of the Rector, and the condition and prospects of the parish afford ground for encouragement.

UNION CHURCH, MONTGOMERY.

REV. E. H. SAYLES, RECTOR.

Families, (comprising adults 92, children 70, total 162,)	.	36
Baptisms, (adults 5, children 4,)	.	9
Confirmed,	.	5

Marriage, (parishioners)		1
Burials, (parishioners 2,)		2
Communicants, added anew,	5	
died,	2	
present number,		74
Catechumens, (boys 12, girls 30,)		42
Contributions, alms at the Holy communion,	\$7.87	
Contingent fund of the Diocese,	4.00	

Total, . . . \$11.87

Public Services, regular, two every Sunday, and frequently three, the third is held at various places.

Occasional, on the principal Festivals and Fasts of the church, and those of the state.

Administrations of the Holy Eucharist, once in two months, and occasionally at other times.

Remarks.—Lay reading is regularly sustained one half the time, and well attended, and the condition of the parish is sound and healthy.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, DERBY-LINE.

VACANT.

No Report.

APPENDIX II.

LIST OF THE CLERGY IN THE DIOCESE OF VERMONT.

The Rt. Rev. JOHN HENRY HOPKINS, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese,
and Rector of St. Paul's Church, Burlington.

PRESBYTERS.

The Rev. MOORE BINGHAM, residing at Enosburgh.

The Rev. HENRY BLACKALLER, Rector of Zion Church, Manchester.

The Rev. SAMUEL B. BOSTWICK, Rector of St. Thomas' Church, Brandon.

The Rev. JOEL CLAP, D. D., Rector of St. James' Church, Woodstock,
and St. Paul's Church, Royalton.

The Rev. CHARLES CLEVELAND, Rector of Trinity Church, Shelburne.

The Rev. HENRY M. DAVIS, residing at Plattsburgh, N. Y.

The Rev. JOHN A. FITCH, Rector of Grace Church, Sheldon, and Christ
Church, Enosburgh.

The Rev. JOHN A. HICKS, Rector of Trinity Church, Rutland.

The Rev. WM. HENRY HOIT, Rector of Union Church, St. Albans.

The Rev. GEORGE B. MANSEE, Rector of Christ Church, Montpelier.

The Rev. LOUIS M'DONALD.

The Rev. RICHARD PECK, residing at Sheldon.

The Rev. JOSEPH F. PHILLIPS, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Mid-
dlebury.

The Rev. ALBIN K. PUTNAM, Rector of Immanuel Church, Bellows Falls.

The Rev. EDWARD F. PUTNAM, Rector of Trinity Church, Fairfield, and
Christ Church, Fairfax.

* The Rev. JAMES SABINE, Rector of Christ Church, Bethel.

The Rev. JOHN T. SABINE.

The Rev. EZEKIEL H. SAYLES, Rector of Union Church, Montgomery,
and Calvary Church, Berkshire.

The Rev. FREDERICK A. WADLEIGH, Rector of St. James' Church, Ar-
lington.

DEACONS.

The Rev. ISAAC G. HUBBARD, Minister of St. Paul's Church, Vergennes.

The Rev. JAMES STEPHENSON, Minister of St. John's Church, Poultney.

The Rev. ZADOCK THOMPSON, residing at Burlington.

CANDIDATE FOR HOLY ORDERS.

Mr. A. H. BAILEY.

* Deceased.

APPENDIX III.

LIST OF THE PARISHES

*In the Diocese of Vermont, with their Rectors or Ministers, and their
Delegates to the Convention of 1845.*

PARISHES.	RECTORS OR MINISTERS.	DELEGATES.
St. Peter's, Bennington, St. James', Arlington, Zion, Manchester, Christ, Guilford, Immanuel, Bellows Falls, St. Stephen's, Tinmouth, St. Paul's, Wells, St. John's, Poultney, St. James', Castleton, Trinity, Rutland, St. Thomas', Brandon, Union, Springfield, St. Paul's, Windsor, St. James', Woodstock. St. Paul's, Royalton, Christ, Bethel, St. Andrew's, Rochester, St. Stephen's, Middleb'y, St. Paul's, Vergennes, Grace, Randolph, Trinity, Shelburne,	Rev. F. A. Wadleigh. Rev. H. Blackaller, Rev. A. K. Putnam, Rev. J. Stephenson, Rev. J. A. Hicks, Rev. S. B. Bostwick. Rev. Joel Clap, D. D. Rev. Joel Clap, D. D. Rev. J. Sabine, Rev. J. F. Phillips, Rev. I. G. Hubbard, Rev. C. Cleveland, Rt. Rev. J. H. Hopkins, D. D. Rev. Geo. B. Manser. Rev. E. F. Putnam, Rev. E. F. Putnam, Rev. Wm. H. Hoit, Rev. J. A. Fitch, Rev. J. A. Fitch. Rev. E. H. Sayles. Rev. E. H. Sayles.	William Benedict. Alexander Fleming. Linus Clark. Aaron Lewis. { Luther Thrall, { Charles Clement. Paul Flinn. { Nahum Parker, { Ozias Seymour. Beers Booth. Heman Chittenden. { Geo. B. Shaw, { Nath'l A. Tucker, { Richard G. Cole, { Jesse J. Starr. Phineas Atwater. Nathan Buck. Joseph Bartram. { Bildad Paul, { Gardner G. Smith, { Horace O. Green. I. J. Potter.
St. Paul's, Burlington, Calvary, Jerico, Immanuel, Milton, Christ, Montpelier, Christ, Fairfax, Trinity, Fairfield, Union, St. Alban's, St. John's, Highgate, Grace, Sheldon, Christ, Enosburgh, Calvary, Berkshire, Union, Montgomery, St. John's, Derby-Line.		

APPENDIX IV.

CANON TWENTY-FOURTH.

Adopted September 18th, 1845.

OF VACANT PARISHES.

Whenever a parish in this Diocese becomes vacant, it shall report itself to the Bishop; who may if requested, make appointments, from time to time, for such clergymen as can most conveniently perform the duty, to officiate occasionally in such parish, until the vacancy is filled. The expenses incurred by a clergyman in the performance of such services shall be defrayed by said parish.

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APPENDIX V.

DIOCESAN MISSIONS.

The following Resolutions were passed at the Convention of 1841.

Whereas an effective Missionary operation is believed to be highly important to the interests of the Diocese, therefore,

Resolved, That this Convention hereby recommend to the respective parishes in the Diocese, to raise by monthly collections, or such other method as the clergy may deem expedient, contributions for domestic missions.

Resolved, That said contributions be paid quarterly into the hands of the Treasurer of the Convention, subject to the order of a Committee, consisting of the Bishop, as *ex-officio*, chairman ; the Standing Committee of the Diocese ; and three Laymen, to be appointed by the lay-members of the Convention.

Resolved, That the said Committee appropriate the funds thus raised, at their discretion, for missionary purposes within the Diocese, and report annually to the Convention.

RULES

Adopted by the Missionary Committee, September 18th, 1845.

1. Feeble parishes already organized, as well as other places where in the judgment of the committee the labors of a Missionary would be productive of sufficient good to warrant such an undertaking, will be, from time to time, designated as Missionary Stations, and those Clergymen who are aided by the Committee, will be regarded as Missionaries.

2. Two or more such places, near to each other, in which a Clergyman can conveniently labor, will frequently be regarded as a single station.

3. All moneys appropriated by the committee for Missionary labor, shall be paid to the Missionary who performs it, and not to the parish in which he labors.

4. When a Missionary is appointed to a Station which comprises more than one parish or place where he is to officiate statedly, he shall divide his services between the several places, in proportion to the amount of salary paid by each over and above the stipend which the committee allow him.

5. The stipends of the Missionaries shall ordinarily be equal ; and shall be fixed at such a sum as the Committee, at a meeting held annually for that purpose, shall determine.

6. Any Missionary Station may be discontinued at the discretion of the Committee.

7. No Clergyman shall receive aid as a Missionary from this Committee who is not canonically resident in this Diocese.

8. The Secretary of the Standing Committee shall be, *ex-officio*, Secretary of the Missionary Committee.

The following places were at the same time designated as Missionary Stations :—

Guilford and Brattleborough ;
Proctorsville, Springfield and Perkinsville ;
Brandon and parts adjacent ;
Jericho, Milton and Cambridge ;
Shelburne ;
Castleton and Tinmouth ;
Bethel, Randolph and Royalton ;
Wells and Pawlet.

The foregoing arrangement is cordially approved by me, and I earnestly commend the object to the liberal support of the Diocese.

JOHN H. HOPKINS.

APPENDIX VI.

SUMMARY OF THE PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Parishes, whole number in the Diocese,	-	-	-	-	-	34
from which reports are given,	-	-	-	-	-	26
Families, (in 16 parishes,) -	-	-	-	-	-	615
adults, (in 10 parishes,) . . .	1114					
children, (in 10 parishes,) . . .	708					
total, (in 10 parishes,) -	-	-	-	-	-	1822
Baptisms, adults,	38					
children,	95					
not specified,	4					
total, (in 20 parishes,) -	-	-	-	-	-	137
Confirmed, (in 17 parishes,) -	-	-	-	-	-	71
Marriages, (in 16 parishes,) -	-	-	-	-	-	37
Burials, (in 19 parishes,) -	-	-	-	-	-	74
Communicants, added anew,	79					
removed into the parishes, . . .	13					
removed from the parishes . . .	55					
died,	178					
present number, (in 24 parishes,) -	-	-	-	-	-	1385
Catechumens, boys,	184					
girls,	278					
not specified,	291					
total, (in 17 parishes,) -	-	-	-	-	-	751
Contributions, alms at communion, -	\$396.35	(in 13 parishes,)				
Diocesan Missions,	78.00	(in 4 ")				
General Missions, Domestic, . . .	169.19	(in 8 ")				
" " Foreign,	105.16	(in 6 ")				
Contingent Fund of the Diocese, . .	93.00	(in 18 ")				
other purposes,	442.80	(in 9 ")				
Total, (in 19 parishes,) -	-	-	-	-	-	\$1286.78

APPENDIX

TABULAR VIEW OF THE

PARISHES.	RECTORS OR MINISTERS.	Congregations.				Baptisms.			Confirmed.	Mar'g.	
		Families.	Adults.	Children.	Total.	Adults.	Children.	Total.		Parishioners.	Non parish'ns.
St. Peter's, Bennington.	Rev. F. A. Wadleigh.	60				1	2	3	1		
St. James', Arlington.	Rev. H. Blackaller.	36	105	69	174	2	7	9	2		
Zion, Manchester.		36	114	97	211			2			
Christ, Guilford.	Rev. A. K. Putnam.	71	224	132	356	5	19	24	6		
Immanuel, Bellows Falls.											
St. Stephen's, Tinmouth.											
St. Paul's, Wells.	Rev. J. Stephenson.						1	1			
St. John's, Poultney.								2			
St. James', Castleton.		15									
Trinity, Rutland.	Rev. J. A. Hicks.	50	120	75	195					1	
St. Thomas', Brandon.	Rev. S. B. Bostwick.	20	46	45	91	2	3	5	4		
Union, Springfield.											
St. Paul's, Windsor.											
St. James', Woodstock.	Rev. Joel Clap, D. D.	31							1	2	
St. Paul's Royalton.	Rev. Joel Clap, D. D.	17				1	1	2	1		
Christ, Bethel.	Rev. J. Sabine.										
St. Andrew's, Rochester.											
St. Stephen's, Middlebury.	Rev. J. F. Phillips.	50				3	9	12	5	2	3
St. Paul's, Vergennes.	Rev. I. G. Hubbard.										
Grace, Randolph.											
Trinity, Shelburne.	Rev. C. Cleveland.					2	1	3			
St. Paul's, Burlington.	Rt. Rev. J. H. Hopkins, D. D.	53				1	9	10	10		
Calvary, Jericho.		8	16	16	32		2	2			
Immanuel, Milton.											
Christ, Montpelier.	Rev. G. B. Manser.	54	124	48	172	2	3	5	4	2	
Christ, Fairfax.	Rev. E. F. Putnam.								1	1	
Trinity, Fairfield.	Rev. E. F. Putnam.					1	5	6	5	2	
Union, St. Alban's.	Rev. W. H. Hoyt.	44	143	86	229	5	12	17	15	2	1
St. John's, Highgate.						4	5	9	1		
Grace, Sheldon.	Rev. J. A. Fitch.					3	5	8	6		
Christ, Enosburgh.	Rev. J. A. Fitch.					1	1	2			
Calvary, Berkshire.	Rev. E. H. Sayles.	34	130	65	195	1	6	7	2		
Union, Montgomery.	Rev. E. H. Sayles.	36	92	70	162	5	4	9	5	1	
St. John's, Derby-Line.											
		615	1114	703	1817	38	95	137	71	13	4

VII.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Burials.			Communicants.				Catechum's.			Contributions.							
Funerary	Non	Total.	Added anew.	Removed into parish.	Removed from parish.	Died.	Present num ber.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Alms at Communion	Diocesan Missions.	Gen'l Missions.		Contingent Fund of the Diocese.	Other purposes	Total.
													Domestic.	Foreign.			
1	1	2	1	1			82			63							
7	5	12	3		2	3	32	23	26	49	14.51				4.00	45.48	63.99
					3		60			60					2.00		2.00
		6	9		3	2	156	41	59	100	60.49	12.92	35.00		12.00	94.00	214.41
		3			2	2	26										
		3					40			30							4.00
							9										
4	5				1	1	63	15	20	35	25.00	35.00	18.00	18.00	8.00		104.00
1	2	5	1				24	13	17	30	18.55	4.89	8.38	1.00	4.00	7.83	44.65
	2	2	1	3	2		57				31.19	25.19			6.00		31.19
		2	1	4			35				13.80				3.00		13.80
1	5	3	5	15			81			50	28.68		20.00	15.00	8.00	34.77	106.45
	1	1	1	5			65			20							
7																	
4	8		6				120	15	22	37	76.37		48.65	61.70	12.00		198.72
			2				10	7	4	11					2.00		2.00
4	8		2	2			32	20	29	49	54.30		7.70	5.00	4.00	97.00	168.00
1	1						28			28					2.00		2.00
5	5				2		65	26	29	55	6.00				2.00		8.00
2	7	17		9	3		103				52.79		24.46	4.46	12.00	94.22	187.93
							50						7.00				
							70			40					2.00	27.00	29.00
							40								2.00	8.00	10.00
1	1						63	12	40	52	6.70				4.00	24.00	34.70
2	2			2			74	12	30	42	7.87				4.00		11.87
5	14	74	79	13	55	17	1385	184	276	751	396.35	78.00	169.19	105.16	93.00	442.30	1236.73

APPENDIX VIII.

OFFICERS OF THE CONVENTION.

The Rt. Rev. JOHN HENRY HOPKINS, D. D., *PRESIDENT, ex-officio.*
Rev. ALBIN K. PUTNAM, *Secretary*, Bellows Falls.
NAHUM PARKER, Esq. *Treasurer*, Middlebury.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

Rev. JOEL CLAP, D. D.
Rev. JOSEPH F. PHILLIPS,
Rev. JOHN A. HICKS,
Rev. ALBIN K. PUTNAM,
Rev. SAMUEL B. BOSTWICK.

CLERICAL DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

Rev. JOEL CLAP, D. D.
Rev. WM. HENRY HOIT,
Rev. JOHN A. HICKS,
Rev. JOSEPH F. PHILLIPS.

LAY DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

Messrs. CHARLES K. WILLIAMS,
ISAAC F. REDFIELD,
CHARLES LINSLEY,
ALEXANDER FLEMING.

MISSIONARY COMMITTEE.

The Rt. Rev. BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE, *Chairman, ex-officio,*
The STANDING COMMITTEE,
and the following Lay-gentlemen :—
Messrs. NAHUM PARKER,
GARDNER G. SMITH,
RICHARD G. COLE.

TRUSTEES OF THE GENERAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Rev. JOHN A. HICKS,
Rev. WM. HENRY HOIT,
Rev. SAMUEL B. BOSTWICK.



NOTICE.

The next annual Convention of this Diocese will be held at **ST. ANNE'S CHURCH, BELLOWS FALLS**, on the third Wednesday of September, 1896.

Secretary.

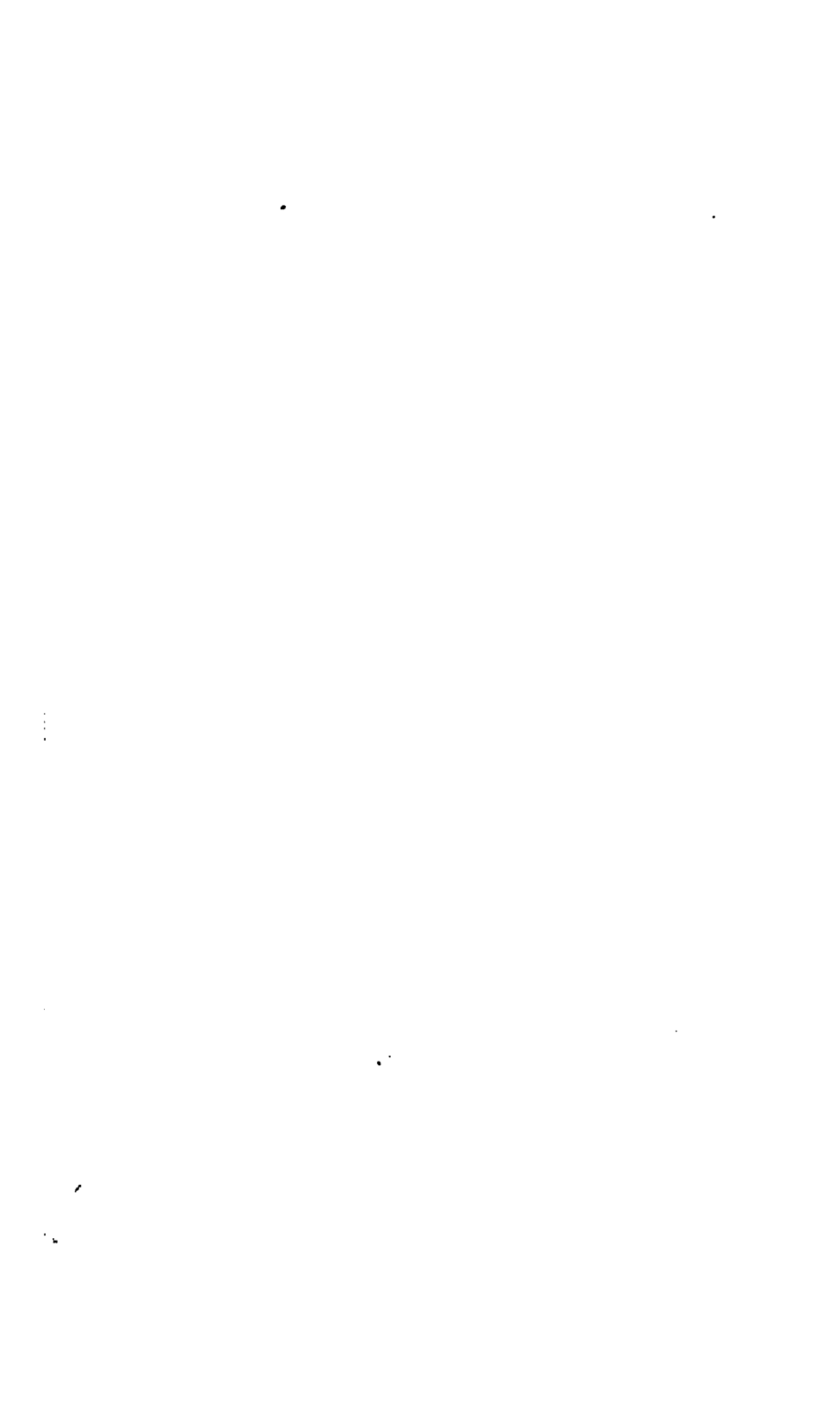
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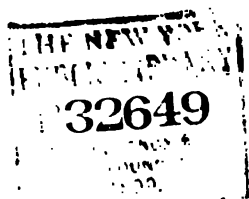
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BEING THE FOURTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION SINCE THE FULL
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IMMANUEL CHURCH, BELLOWS FALLS, }
September 16th, 1846. }

THIS being the day appointed for the meeting of the Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Vermont, the Bishop, Clergy, and Lay Delegates from the Parishes assembled in Immanuel Church, Bellows Falls, and at nine o'clock, A. M., the Convention was called to order by the Rt. Rev. Bishop of the Diocese, who took the chair, *ex officio*; the Rev. A. K. Putnam being Secretary.

On calling the list of the Clergy entitled to seats in the Convention, and of the Parishes entitled to representation therein, a quorum of the Clergy and Laity was found to be present, and the Convention was duly organized.

The Clergy present were

The Rt. Rev. JOHN HENRY HOPKINS, D. D.,

The Rev. Henry Blackaller, The Rev. George B. Manser,

“ Joel Clap, D. D.,

“ Josiah Perry,

“ Charles Cleveland,

“ Joseph F. Phillips,

“ John A. Fitch,

“ Albin K. Putnam,

“ John A. Hicks,

“ John T. Sabine.

The Lay Delegates present were as follows:

Zion Church, Manchester: A. L. Miner.

Immanuel Church, Bellows Falls: Henry F. Green, Ethan B. Webb, William K. Church.

St. John's Church, East Poultney: Califf Monroe, Amon Bailey, Samuel Scott.

Trinity Church, Rutland : George Graves, Charles Burt.
St. Stephen's Church, Middlebury : Nahum Parker, Ozias Seymour.

St. Paul's Church, Burlington : George B. Shaw, Elias Lyman.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Rt. Rev. Carlton Chase, D. D., Bishop of New Hampshire, be respectfully invited to attend the sittings of this Convention, and that a seat be provided for him in the Chancel.

On motion,

Resolved, That Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church, not canonically entitled to seats in this Convention, all Clergymen of the Church of England, and all Candidates for Holy Orders in this Church, who may be present, be, and hereby are, invited to attend the sittings of the Convention.

The Rev. Messrs. Albert H. Bailey, of this Diocese, Nathaniel Sprague and Isaac G. Hubbard, of the Diocese of New Hampshire, Titus Strong, D. D., and Samuel T. Carpenter, of the Diocese of Massachusetts, and John B. Pradt, of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, were present and took seats in the Convention under the above resolution.

The Convention then proceeded to the choice of Secretary and Treasurer.

The Rev. Albin K. Putnam was re-elected Secretary.

Nahum Parker, Esq. was re-elected Treasurer.

On motion, the Convention took a recess for the purpose of attending Divine Service.

Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. Titus Strong, D. D., Rector of St. James' Church, Greenfield, Mass., assisted by the Rev. Joseph F. Phillips, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Middlebury, who read the Lessons ; the Sermon was preached by the Rev. George B. Manser, Rector of Christ Church, Montpelier ; after which, the Rt. Rev. the Bishop admitted Mr. Albert H. Bailey to the Holy Order of Deacons. The Candidate was presented by the Rev. Joel Clap, D. D., Rec-

tor of St. James' Church, Woodstock, and the Bishop was assisted in the administration of the Holy Communion by the Rt. Rev. Carlton Chase, D. D., Bishop of New Hampshire.

The Convention then was called to order, and, on motion, adjourned till 3 o'clock, P. M.

3 O'CLOCK, P. M. OF THE SAME DAY.

The Convention then re-assembled pursuant to adjournment.

The Rev. Frederic A. Wadleigh, who was not present in the morning, appeared and took his seat.

The following Lay Delegates, not present in the morning, also appeared and took their seats in the Convention; from

Christ Church, Guilford: Isaac Brown, and Samuel Houghton, Jr.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop of the Diocese then delivered his annual

ADDRESS.

MY RESPECTED AND BELOVED BRETHREN IN CHRIST,

THE CLERGY AND LAITY OF THIS CONVENTION:

HAVING received from many quarters of the diocese the request that I would allot a longer time to my yearly visitation, I have endeavored, since the period when I last addressed you, to comply with the desire of the Churches, by spending on an average two days with each parish, instead of one, which I believe is the general rule.

Commencing on Whitsun-Monday, June 1st, I visited St. Paul's Church, Vergennes, and preached in the afternoon, Rev. Mr. Cleveland assisting. On Tuesday, I preached again; the Rev. Mr. Hubbard, minister of the parish, assisting. The congregations were small, but serious and attentive.

Wednesday and Thursday were devoted to the meeting of the land agents at Middlebury. On Thursday, I preached at St. Stephen's Church, and again on Friday; on which occasion the Eucharist was administered, the Rector, Rev. Mr. Phillips, and the Rev. Mr. Cleveland, assisting.

June 7th, being Trinity Sunday, I preached twice at St. Thomas' Church, Brandon. The parish was vacant at that time, but has the prospect of being soon supplied.

June 9th, I visited Trinity Church, Rutland, preached, and confirmed three persons. On Friday evening following I preached again, and confirmed three persons more, Rev. Mr. Hicks, the Rector, assisting. Two of the four days spent in this interesting and important parish were allotted by me to the visiting of Tinmouth and Castleton. But in the case of Tinmouth, notice was not received, and in that of Castleton it was not thought expedient to hold any service under existing circumstances.

June 13th, being Saturday, I visited St. John's Church, Poultney, preached, and baptized one adult and one infant. And the following day, being the first Sunday after Trinity, I officiated morning and afternoon, and confirmed two persons. The parish was vacant, but I was assisted in the Sunday services by Rev. Mr. Bingham, of Hampton, N. Y.

June 15th, Monday, I officiated at St. Paul's Church, Wells, and confirmed one person. The next day I officiated again, and confirmed three more. This Church was also vacant.

June 17th, Wednesday, I visited Zion Church, Factory Point, and preached; and the following day I preached a second time, and confirmed five persons, the Rector, Rev. Mr. Blackaller, assisting on both occasions. I was much gratified to see the improvements effected in the Church edifice, and the remarkably full congregations which attended the services.

June 19th, Friday, I visited St. James' Church, Arlington, preached, and confirmed seven persons, the Rector, Rev. Mr. Wadleigh, and Rev. Mr. Blackaller, assisting.

June 21st, being the second Sunday after Trinity, I officiated morning and evening at St. Peter's Church, Bennington; and baptized two children. The parish was vacant, though anxious to be supplied, and presenting an encouraging field for usefulness.

From Bennington I proceeded to New York, in order to meet the Board of Directors of the General Missionary Society, and the Board of Trustees of the General Seminary. That duty being discharged, I returned home; and on Monday, July 6th, I visited Union Church, St. Alban's, where I preached. On the following day I delivered a second discourse, and confirmed nine persons, the Rector, Rev. Mr. Perry, assisting.

July 8th, Wednesday, I proceeded to Trinity Church, Fairfield, preached twice, and confirmed three persons. The next day I visited Christ Church, Fairfax, preached, and confirmed one person. Rev. E. F. Putnam, who is the Rector of both these parishes, assisted in all the services.

July 10th, Friday, I proceeded to Christ Church, Enosburgh, where I preached and confirmed two persons; the Rector, Rev. Mr. Fitch, and Rev. Mr. Putnam, assisting.

July 12th, being the fifth Sunday after Trinity, I visited Calvary Church, Berkshire, preached twice, and confirmed one person. After the second service, I proceeded to Union Church, Montgomery, where I preached again, and confirmed two persons. The following morning I preached a second time, to a good congregation. The Rev. Mr. Sayles, who is the Rector of both these parishes, assisted in the services at Montgomery, and at Berkshire his place was supplied by Rev. Mr. Bingham, of Hampton, N. Y.

July 14th, Tuesday, I visited Grace Church, Sheldon, preached, and confirmed one person, the Rector, Rev. Mr. Fitch, assisting.

And on Thursday, the 16th day of July, I officiated at St. John's Church, Highgate, and confirmed one person. This Church was then vacant, and still remains so, but is desirous and able to maintain a minister. A faithful and accept-

able preacher would find there a very useful and interesting location.

On the 9th day of August, being the ninth Sunday after Trinity, I visited Trinity Church, Shelburne, preached, and confirmed three persons. And on Tuesday, the 25th of the same month, I officiated for the little flock organized by the name of Calvary Church, Jericho.

Friday, the 30th day of January, I visited Christ Church, Montpelier, by special request, preached, and confirmed four persons, the Rector, Rev. Mr. Manser, assisting.

Tuesday, September 1st, I visited Grace Church, Randolph, and preached in the House of Worship belonging to the Congregational Society, Rev. John T. Sabine assisting.

Wednesday and Thursday, the 2d and 3d days of the same month, were devoted to Christ Church, Bethel. This parish has proceeded with great unanimity and spirit in the erection of their new Church in Bethel village, which they hope to have ready for consecration during the coming fall or winter. I preached on Wednesday at the old Church, and, on Thursday, at the union house in the village, Rev. John T. Sabine assisting. It gives me pleasure to say that the parish are unanimous in desiring him to remain with them, and thus succeed his worthy father, in the care of the same flock, under happier circumstances.

Friday, Sept. 4th, I proceeded to St. Paul's Church, Royalton, (which is placed provisionally under the care of Rev. Mr. Sabine,) and preached to a small but attentive congregation.

Saturday, the 5th September, I visited St. James' Church, Woodstock, and Sunday, being the 13th after Trinity, I administered the Holy Communion, and preached three times, the Rector, Rev. Dr. Clap, assisting in all the services.

Monday the 7th, and Tuesday the 8th, were appropriated to St. Paul's Church, Windsor; but under existing circumstances it was not thought expedient to hold more than one service. The parish is vacant, and I officiated alone to a small but serious congregation.

Wednesday, the 9th, with the two following days, were passed at Immanuel Church, Bellows Falls. A portion of the time was occupied in the examination of Mr. Bailey for Holy Orders, with the assistance of Rev. Dr. Clap, and Rev. Mr. Putnam, the Rector. Services were held for three successive evenings, on the last of which, Friday, six persons were confirmed. I preached three times, and was assisted by Rev. Dr. Clap, Rev. Mr. Perry, and the Rector. On the evening before Convention three persons more were confirmed.

Saturday, the 12th of September, and the following day, which was the 14th Sunday after Trinity, were spent at Christ Church, Guilford, where I administered the Holy Communion, preached twice, and baptized two children, being assisted by the Rev. John B. Pradt; and in the evening, on my return to Brattleboro', I baptized another infant, the child of my hospitable entertainer.

To the foregoing I have to add the confirmation of seventeen persons in my own parish, St. Paul's Church, Burlington, on the evening of Good Friday: making the whole number confirmed in the diocese, within the past year, amount to seventy-seven.

Two of our ministerial list have been removed by death since our last Convention. The Rev. James Sabine, after a long life spent in his divine Master's service, has departed, as we humbly trust, to the assembly of the spirits of the just made perfect, having left an example to his brethren, in faithful and laborious devotion to his duty under many discouragements, and in zeal for the truth of the Gospel, which has not often been surpassed in our day. And the Rev. Richard Peck, of Sheldon, has recently followed him,—a man of pure and excellent character, who had served with great acceptance the parishes of Berkshire and Montgomery in the early years of his ministry, and was then obliged to surrender his trust by the inroads of epilepsy. He suffered under that mysterious disorder for many years, with Christian resignation, and his memory is endeared to those who

knew him best, by a long course of consistent piety and devotion.

The remaining instance of loss to the ministry of the diocese is of a character in some respects more serious and afflicting. The Rev. Mr. Hoit resigned his parish at St. Alban's in January, renounced his ecclesiastical vows on the 23d of July, and was accordingly deposed from the ministry in pursuance of the 38th Canon of the General Convention. Within a week from that time he formally entered the communion of the Church of Rome. My opinions on the subject of this kind of apostacy are too well known to need any remark on the present occasion. We shall all unite, I am sure, in deploring the delusion which has led to such a sad catastrophe, and in praying that the Spirit of God may yet convince him of his awful error, and restore him to the truth which he once professed, and to the communion of that pure and undefiled Church, of which he was, for several years, a zealous defender.

The pastoral letter which I addressed to the laity of the diocese, on the subject of my correspondence with Mr. Hoit, has doubtless been seen by the members of the Convention. And I advert to it now only for the purpose of saying, that it was my intention to have followed it by a charge to the clergy at this time, if the unhappy conclusion of Mr. Hoit's course had not rendered it, in my opinion, quite unnecessary, since the melancholy fact is a more powerful and impressive warning than any official document of mine could be. I have been told that some surprise has been manifested, although I know not by whom, because my pastoral letter was not addressed to the clergy along with the laity. But this must have arisen from want of reflection. In strict propriety, *pastoral* letters are only addressed to the *laity* of a diocese. The proper form of a bishop's address to the *clergy* of his jurisdiction is that of a charge.

The other changes in our ministry, during the past year, have not been numerous. The Rev. Moore Bingham and the Rev. Samuel B. Bostwick have been dismissed to the

diocese of New York, the Rev. James Stephenson to the diocese of Tennessee, and the Rev. Isaac G. Hubbard to the diocese of New Hampshire. The Rev. Josiah Perry has been received into the diocese from Florida, and the Rev. Thornton W. Clapp, deacon, from Massachusetts, and the Rev. Albert H. Bailey has been added to our number by ordination in your presence this day. This reduces the number of our present ecclesiastical list from twenty-three names to nineteen. But notwithstanding this, there is little difference in the number of our working clergy. No Church, which was filled at the time of our last Convention, is vacant now, unless it be St. Paul's, Vergennes, and St. John's, Poultney, for the Church at Brandon expects to be immediately supplied by Rev. Mr. Bailey ; while, on the other hand, one of the Churches then reported vacant, viz. Christ Church, Guilford, enjoys the services provisionally of Rev. Mr. Pradt, belonging to the diocese of Pennsylvania, and they have the hope of soon making this a permanent arrangement. Although the names on our list of clergy, therefore, are less, yet the effective force of the diocese is nearly the same.

We have not now a single candidate for Holy Orders. It is a cause of sad and mournful reflection that it should be so. Every diocese ought to be contributing its due proportion to the ranks of the ministry, and I humbly trust that we shall yet see the day when our own portion of the vineyard will furnish a share, not only sufficient to supply our own wants, but to repay to other parts of the vineyard the laborers which they have given to us, with ample interest.

The list of Churches now vacant are the following, viz. the parishes of Highgate, Vergennes, Poultney, Wells, and Bennington.

There is but one special topic which I have to recommend to the attention of the Convention, and that is a point of liturgical order, in the mode of repeating the General Confession, so as to attain a desirable conformity with what has become the universal practice of our Church elsewhere.

It is known to most of you, my brethren, that the old and established mode of repeating that important part of our service was in strict accordance with the words of our rubric, *after* the minister, and not *with* him. A change was recommended by the General Convention of 1835, and this recommendation was not followed by the Church in Vermont, because I considered it unconstitutional. For in order to protect the Prayer Book from the danger of any hasty and injudicious alteration, the General Constitution of our Church, in its 8th article, has most wisely provided that "no alteration or addition shall be made in the Book of Common Prayer"—"unless the same be proposed in one General Convention, and by a resolve thereof made known to the Convention of every diocese, and adopted at the subsequent General Convention." It was said, indeed, that the proposed change did not conflict with this, since the *words* of the rubric were not altered. But I considered then, (and I still retain the same opinion,) that it was a *virtual change* to recommend the word *after* to be subjected to a new meaning, as if it were the word *with*; since it seemed to me in plain violation of the rules of language to say that repeating the prayer *after* the minister, and repeating it *with* him, should mean the same thing. And therefore I willingly consented to the suggestion of the respected brother who was then the rector of this parish, to place on the records of our Journal my reasons for continuing the old established custom, which accorded with the plain meaning of the rubric, and was handed down to us by our Mother Church; and the diocese of Vermont thereupon became the only one which refused to alter the good old way in this little matter, until the language of the Prayer Book should be changed in the regular mode provided by the Constitution.

Since that time, however, many years have passed away, and the recommendation of 1835 has become the universal fashion, with the single exception of our own diocese; while the increasing number of our younger clergy who never used the old and more regular way, makes the difficulty and

the inconvenience of the variation greater every year. As anxious as any one can be to promote the uniformity of the Church, and as desirous to remove every obstacle in my power, I have been led to consider whether the lapse of time and the general acquiescence of the Church in this matter may not be taken as equivalent to the course pointed out by the Convention ; the more especially as the General Convention have met three times since then, and seem to think the point sufficiently and finally determined. And the result of my reflection has been such, that I here signify my entire consent to the alteration, and recommend to my brethren, for the sake of uniformity with the now universal course in every other diocese, to repeat the General Confession *along with* the minister, instead of *after him*. At the same time, I beg to be distinctly understood as not having changed my own opinion on the true merits of the question, but as merely agreeing to what I consider a mistaken precedent, in order to avoid the more practical inconvenience of non-conformity.

In conclusion I have only to say, that the course of my visitation, on the whole, has been gratifying. The general state of the Church in the diocese appears to be sound and healthful. Of the kindness and hospitality shown to myself in every quarter I have no need to speak, for this has been invariable on every occasion, and never more manifest than during the past year. And I humbly trust that the agitations through which the Church at large has been sustained, the oppositions and the controversies which many have regarded with so much alarm and apprehension, and even the melancholy desertion of a few misguided men, as well from the ranks of our Mother Church as from our own, will all be found to work together for the better purification, the firmer union, and the surer advancement of the whole body, under the good Spirit and the Almighty hand of our blessed Redeemer. We know, my beloved brethren, that the Church is built on the rock, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. Only let us be faithful, humble, and diligent

to walk in the appointed way,—that sure and safe way which the Scriptures of divine and unerring truth and the practice of the primitive saints have set before us. Let us who are of the clergy be zealous and constant in preaching Christ and Him crucified, and careful to shew forth the fruits of our doctrine in our life and conversation. Let our brethren of the laity, in every parish, be faithful followers of the Word of God, honoring the Lord's day by a steadfast attendance at the sanctuary, assembling their families at home around the domestic altar, holding up the hands of their minister by a just provision for his maintenance, by a consistent improvement of his instructions, and by a daily offering of their prayers that the blessing from on high may be vouchsafed to his labors amongst them ; and then the Church will advance with accelerated vigor and prosperous success. In brotherly love, in unity of doctrine, in holiness of life, in our zeal for the faith once delivered to the saints, the world will behold the best proof that our religion is indeed divine. And "then shall our land bring forth her increase, and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing."

The Bishop's address being concluded, notice was given that the following resolution would be offered to-morrow :

Resolved, That the second, the fourth, and the eighth Canons of this Diocese, having been predicated upon General Canons which have since been modified, are hereby repealed.

The Convention then proceeded to the choice of officers for the ensuing year. On balloting as the Canon directs, the following elections were declared to be duly made.

FOR STANDING COMMITTEE : The Rev. Messrs. Joel Clap, D. D., John A. Hicks, Joseph F. Phillips, Charles Cleveland, and George B. Manser.

FOR CLERICAL DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION : The Rev. Messrs. Joel Clap, D. D., John A. Hicks, Joseph F. Phillips, and George B. Manser.

FOR LAY DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION :
Messrs. Charles K. Williams, Isaac F. Redfield, Charles
Linsley, and Alexander Fleming.

FOR COMMITTEE OF FINANCE : Messrs. Nahum Parker,
 A. L. Miner, and George B. Shaw.

FOR LAY MEMBERS OF THE MISSIONARY COMMITTEE :
Messrs. Nahum Parker, A. L. Miner, and George B. Shaw.

The Rev. Josiah Perry was appointed Preacher before the
 next Convention, the Rev. Dr. Clap to be his substitute.

The Rev. John T. Sabine was appointed Preacher of the
 Missionary Sermon, the evening preceding the Convention,
 the Rev. Charles Cleveland to be his substitute.

The Rev. Mr. Blackaller laid before the Convention the
 following proposed alterations of the Constitution and Can-
 ons, which, on motion, were approved and referred to the
 action of the next Convention.

To alter section I, of Canon I, so that it will read : " At
 every annual Convention, three Presbyters and three Laymen
 shall be elected as the Standing Committee, or Bishops'
 Council of Advice, for the ensuing year, &c."

ARTICLE III OF THE CONSTITUTION.

After the sentence referring to the prerogatives of the
 Bishop, ending thus : " to govern the same according to the
 Scriptures and the Canons," read as follows : " Nevertheless,
 he does not act in any important matter without his Council
 of Advice, elected for that purpose, and called the Stand-
 ing Committee. Neither does he exercise any legislative
 power, &c."

ARTICLE VIII.

After the clause " assisted by his Council of Advice,"
 read, " assisted by the clerical members of his Council of
 Advice, or by other Presbyters, &c."

IN THE XVTH CANON.

Strike out the fifth section altogether, and append to the
 fourth section the following clause : " by a joint vote of the
 whole house."

The following communication was then read.

MIDDLEBURY, 4th JUNE, 1846.

To the Rev. ALBIN K. PUTNAM, *Secretary of the Convention of the Diocese of Vermont.*

Dear Sir:

The Board of Agency for the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts would respectfully report to the Convention of the Diocese of Vermont, that it has duly received notice of the action of the Convention, at its last annual meeting, with reference to this Board, and has taken the same into consideration. The Board, upon consultation, does not deem it expedient, for several weighty reasons, that there should be an entire displacement of the Board, such as is contemplated in the recommendation of the Convention; but would respectfully suggest to the Convention the propriety of there being nominated to the Society the names of two clergymen and three laymen, to be appointed as additional members to the present existing Board.

Resolved, That the above communication be made to the Convention of the Diocese of Vermont, in answer to the notice given to the Board of its action at its last annual meeting, with reference to the appointment of new Agents by the Society.

Respectfully yours,

J. HAGAR,

Secretary of the Board of Land Agents.

Whereupon, on motion, it was *Resolved*, That the following gentlemen, who were nominated by the Convention of last year, viz. the Rev. Messrs. JOEL CLAP, D. D., JOHN A. HICKS, and JOSEPH F. PHILLIPS, and Messrs. ISAAC F. REDFIELD, CHARLES LINSLEY, HENRY F. GREEN, and GEORGE T. HODGES, be nominated to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, to be appointed as additional members of their present Board of Land Agents in Vermont.

The Rev. Dr. Clap proposed the following alteration of the fifth article of the Constitution, viz: In the second line let the words "third" and "September" be expunged, and the words "last" and "August" be substituted for them respectively.

On motion, this proposition was approved, and laid over for the action of the next Convention.

Mr. Bailey proposed to alter the same article, so as to make the time for the meeting of the Convention *the last Wednesday in June* ; which proposition was, on motion, also approved and laid over for the action of the next Convention.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by the President to report a plan for the relief of Aged and Infirm Clergymen, and the Widows and Orphans of Clergymen in this Diocese.

Whereupon the following were appointed : the Rev. A. K. Putnam, the Rev. Joseph F. Phillips, and Ozias Seymour, Esq.

The Convention then adjourned till seven o'clock this evening.

SEVEN O'CLOCK, P. M., OF THE SAME DAY.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The chairman of the committee appointed to report a plan for the relief of Aged and Infirm Clergymen, and the Widows and Orphans of Clergymen, presented the following resolutions which were, on motion, adopted by the Convention.

Resolved, That upon Easter day in each year a contribution be made by every Church in the Diocese, to be placed in the hands of the Treasurer, and applied at the discretion of the Bishop and the Standing Committee, for the relief of Aged and Infirm Clergymen in this Diocese who may be destitute of the means of an adequate and comfortable support, and also for the relief of such Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen who have labored and died in this Diocese, as are destitute and need assistance.

Resolved, That if, in the judgment of the Bishop and the Standing Committee, the contributions shall amount to more in any year than the necessities for that year require, the

overplus shall be safely invested by them, as a fund for the relief of Aged and Infirm Clergymen, and the Widows and Orphans of Clergymen in the Diocese of Vermont.

The Committee of Finance made a report, recommending the following assessments to be made upon the several Parishes of the Diocese, to meet the current expenses of the year, which was accepted by the Convention.

Union Church, Montgomery,	-	-	-	\$ 4.00
Calvary Church, Berkshire,	-	-	-	4.00
Christ Church, Enosburgh,	-	-	-	2.00
Grace Church, Sheldon,	-	-	-	2.00
St. John's Church, Highgate,	-	-	-	5.00
Union Church, St. Alban's,	-	-	-	10.00
Trinity Church, Fairfield,	-	-	-	3.00
Christ Church, Fairfax,	-	-	-	2.00
St. Paul's Church, Burlington,	-	-	-	10.00
Trinity Church, Shelburne,	-	-	-	4.00
St. Paul's Church, Vergennes,	-	-	-	7.00
St. Stephen's Church, Middlebury,	-	-	-	8.00
St. Thomas' Church, Brandon,	-	-	-	3.00
Trinity Church, Rutland,	-	-	-	8.00
St. John's Church, Poultney,	-	-	-	4.00
St. Paul's Church, Wells,	-	-	-	2.00
Zion Church, Manchester,	-	-	-	6.00
St. James' Church, Arlington,	-	-	-	8.00
St. Peter's Church, Bennington,	-	-	-	2.00
Christ Church, Guilford,	-	-	-	2.00
Immanuel Church, Bellows Falls,	-	-	-	8.00
St. Paul's Church, Windsor,	-	-	-	4.00
St. James' Church, Woodstock,	-	-	-	6.00
Christ Church, Bethel,	-	-	-	2.00
St. Paul's Church, Royalton,	-	-	-	2.00
Christ Church, Montpelier,	-	-	-	4.00

\$122.00

The Parochial Reports were then called for, read, and laid upon the Secretary's table for publication.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese is respectfully requested to correspond with the Venerable Society in England for the Propagation of the Gospel in For-

eign Parts, in order to carry out the desire of the Convention in regard to the appointment of additional members to their Board of Land Agents in this State.

The Annual Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Agents of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts was then presented and read.

The Treasurer of the Convention then made his report, which, on motion, was accepted.

The Secretary of the Missionary Committee made an informal Report. *

On motion,

Resolved, That St. John's Church, Derby Line, and Immanuel Church, Milton, having ceased to retain their parochial organization, be stricken from our list of Parishes.

On motion of O. Seymour, Esq.

Resolved, That the Missionary Committee be instructed to employ, as soon as the state of the Missionary Fund will permit, one or more Missionaries to labor within this Diocese.

Resolved, That the Board of Land Agents be requested, at their next annual meeting, to make a specific appropriation of such amount as the state of the fund will admit, for the support of a Missionary or Missionaries to labor in the Diocese.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Secretary be and hereby is directed to cause 600 copies of the Journal of the Convention to be printed; and, in addition to the provision made by the Canon upon the subject, to send six copies of the same to each Clergyman of the Diocese, by mail, unless otherwise instructed by the Clergyman himself.

The minutes of the proceedings of the Convention were then read, and approved.

* For the complete Report of the Secretary of the Missionary Committee see one of the Appendices.

On motion,

Resolved, That after the customary religious services, this Convention shall be adjourned.

Whereupon, after the last four verses of the 68th selection from the Psalms in metre were sung, and the usual prayers, and the benediction by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

JOHN HENRY HOPKINS, D. D.,
President of the Convention.

Attest, ALBIN K. PUTNAM,
Secretary.

APPENDIX I.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BENNINGTON.

VACANT.

No Report.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, ARLINGTON.

THE REV. FREDERICK A. WADLEIGH, RECTOR.

Families (comprising adults 158, children 85, total 243,) 62; Baptisms, (adult 1, child 1,) 2; Confirmed, 7; Marriages, 2; Burials, 9; Communicants, (added anew, 7, died, 1,) present number, 88; Catechumens, about 60.

Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	\$23.36
General Missions,	15.00
Ladies' Mite Society,	82.10
Contingent Fund of the Diocese, (for 3 years,)	24.00
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	144.46

Deduct amount collected before last Convention but not reported,

35.58

\$108.88

Public services, regular on Sundays, the principal Holy Days and Days appointed by the civil authority. Also on Fridays preceding the administration of the Holy Communion. The Holy Communion has been administered six times during the year.

ZION CHURCH, MANCHESTER.

THE REV. HENRY BLACKALLER, RECTOR.

Families, (comprising adults, 101, children, 65, total, 166,) 34; Baptisms, (adults 3, children 3,) 6; Confirmed, 5; Marriage, 1; Burials, (parishioners 2, non-parishioner 1,) 3; Communicants, (added

5, removed 1, died 1,) present number, 36; Catechumens, (boys 24, girls 26,) 50; Members of Bible class, average number, 11.

Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	\$13.67
Christmas offering,	6.09
Collection, Easter day, for S. S. Library,	7.12
Juvenile Missionary Fund,	12.71
Ladies' Sewing Circle,	25.00
Expended on Church edifice, about	200.00
Contingent Fund,	4.00
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	\$268.59

Public Services, on Sundays, on the greater Festivals and Fasts, and on Fridays throughout Lent. A third service in Church frequently, and occasional lectures in the week in different parts of the parish. The administration of the Lord's Supper regularly once a month, and on the principal Festivals of the Church.

Since our last report, the contemplated alteration of our Church edifice has been happily accomplished. Its style and appearance is much admired. The congregation appears to be gradually increasing, evincing the importance of regular and permanent ministrations. The Sunday school and Bible class afford promise of extended usefulness, and we humbly trust that the hopeful aspect of the parish may be safely taken as an indication of the favor and blessing of the Most High.

CHRIST CHURCH, GUILFORD.

THE REV. JOHN B. PRADT, NOW OFFICIATING.

Families, (comprising adults 114, children 97, total 211,) 36; Baptisms, (adult 1, children 5,) 6; Marriages, 5; Burials, 4; Communicants, (died 2,) present number, 64; Catechumens, 55.

Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion, \$4.00

The Rev. N. G. Allen, of the Diocese of Massachusetts, who was temporarily supplying this parish at the last Convention, soon after left. The Rev. Henry S. Attwater, of the Diocese of Western New York, subsequently supplied the parish a short time. The Rev. T. W. Clapp, of the Diocese of Massachusetts, officiated from the second Sunday in Advent of last year, to the 8th Sunday after Trinity of the present. The parish is at present supplied by the Rev. J. B. Pradt, of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

IMMANUEL CHURCH, BELLOWS FALLS.

THE REV. ALBIN K. PUTNAM, RECTOR.

Families, (comprising adults 205, children 118, total 323,) 71; Baptisms, (adults 3, children 10,) 13; Confirmed, 9; Marriages, 4; Bu-

rials, 3; Communicants, (added anew 6, removed from the parish 8, died 2,) present number, 154; Catechumens, (boys 46, girls 60,) 106.

Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	\$39.16
for Diocesan Missions,	40.00
for General Missions, Domestic, including a contribution for the Jews,	38.53
for the contingent fund of the Diocese,	10.00
for other purposes,	20.00
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	\$147.69

Public worship, on Sundays regularly, and on a number of the Festivals and Fasts. The Holy Eucharist has been administered 12 times in the Church, four times to sick persons in the parish, once at Proctorsville, once in the Church at Guilford, and twice to sick persons in that parish, their minister being a deacon.

The children have usually been catechised upon the last Sunday of each month, and a Bible class has been sustained with much interest during a great part of the year.

Our people have met with misfortunes, which, it is feared, will cause a diminution in the amount of their contributions to general Church purposes for some years to come. Had it not been for this, it was intended to have made the contributions for Diocesan Missions much larger. There will still, however, it is hoped, be a disposition on their part to do what they can. It is due to the Ladies especially to say that they have manifested no disposition to relax their benevolent efforts. The Ladies' Circle of Industry of Immanuel Church, which has been established nearly twenty years, was never in more successful operation. Besides their donations to public objects worthy of mention, the Rector is himself under great obligations to them for their attention to his personal comfort.

May we be humble and submissive, and may it please our Heavenly Father, according to our great need, to turn our temporal calamities to our spiritual good.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, TINMOUTH.

VACANT.

No Report.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, WELLS.

VACANT.

No Report.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, EAST POULTNEY.

VACANT.

Families, (comprising adults 94, children 41, total 135,) 41; Bap-

tisms, (adult 1, infants 2,) 3; Confirmed, 2; Marriages, 3; Burials, 2; Communicants, (added 1, died 1, removed from the parish 5, removed into the parish 2,) 51; residing in other towns (viz. Middletown 6, Fairhaven 2, Westhaven 2,) who usually commune with us, 10.

Contributions, for Domestic Missions,	\$2.00
for Foreign Missions,	2.00
Contingent Fund of the Diocese,	4.00
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	\$8.00

The parish has been vacant since January 1st. Lay services have been held occasionally, and the Church has been opened several Sundays by Rev. Messrs. Allen, Bingham, Purdy, and other visiting clergymen. An active laborer is greatly needed in this now destitute field.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, CASTLETON.

VACANT.

No Report.

TRINITY CHURCH, RUTLAND.

THE REV. JOHN A. HICKS, RECTOR.

Families, (comprising adults 120, children 75, total 195,) 50; Baptisms, (adult 8, children 3,) 4; Confirmed, 6; Marriages, 3; Burials, 3; Communicants, (added anew 6, removed from the parish 2,) present number, 67; Catechumens, (boys 10, girls 20,) 30.

Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	\$25.00
for General Missions, Domestic,	11.50
for Foreign Missions,	11.50
for the Contingent Fund of the Diocese,	8.00
for the Jews,	6.00
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	\$62.00

Public worship, on Sundays, twice a day, except one Sunday spent in Brandon, and three Sundays absent. On other days, Good Friday, Ash Wednesday, Ascension Day, Christmas, Thanksgiving, State Fast, Passion Week daily, Easter Monday and Tuesday. The Holy Eucharist, monthly. The children have been catechised twice in Lent. The Rector has attended one funeral in Brandon, and officiated there one Sunday, during the vacancy of the Rectorship.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, BRANDON.

VACANT.

No Report.

UNION CHURCH, SPRINGFIELD.

VACANT.

No Report.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, WINDSOR.

VACANT.

No Report.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, WOODSTOCK.

THE REV. JOEL CLAP, D. D., RECTOR.

Families, (comprising adults 104, children 60, total 164,) 36 ; Baptism, 1 ; Marriages, 4 ; Burials, 6 ; Communicants, (removed into the parish 1, died 1,) present number, 58.

Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion, \$43.00, which has been appropriated as follows :

for Diocesan Missions,	\$ 24.00
for General Missions, Domestic,	13.00
for the contingent fund of the Diocese,	6.00
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	\$43.00

Public worship, on Sundays, Morning and Evening Prayer except when the Rector has been occasionally absent. On other days, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, State Fast and Thanksgiving, and Morning Prayer at an early hour every day during Passion Week. The Holy Eucharist, twelve times in Church and once privately to a sick person.

The Ladies' Sewing Society, in addition to the stipend of \$50.00 which for almost twenty years they have annually paid towards the salary of the Rector, have this year raised, by a Fair, about \$75.00, which has been appropriated to painting and otherwise improving the interior of the Church, and to other parish purposes.

Of the burials above reported, two were in Randolph, the Hon. Dudley Chase and his wife, who were among the earliest communicants of Christ Church, Bethel ; and to whom, with the blessing of God upon their Christian zeal and liberal aid, that parish, as also the one at Randolph, were largely indebted for their existence. The Church in this Diocese has never been called to mourn the loss of warmer hearted or more devotedly attached members. Another was Mrs. Hayes, one of the earliest and most zealous members of St. Paul's Church, Windsor. And another, Miss Proctor, of Proctorsville in Cavendish.

CHRIST CHURCH, BETHEL.

THE REV. JOHN T. SABINE, RECTOR.

Families, 30; Baptisms, (infants) 5; Marriage, 1; Burial, 1; Communicants, about 50.

Since the death of my father, the former rector, (which office he held for 15 years,) I have had the charge of this parish. It being thought essential to the life and growth of this Church, that a change should be made in the location of its place of worship, with very commendable zeal and liberality the parish have commenced the erection of a Church in the village of West Bethel, four miles from the old one, which it is expected will be ready for consecration in a month or two. When finished, though small, it will be a neat, convenient, and not unsightly building; and when filled with devout worshippers, as we trust, such a temple as God will visit and own as his.

For the last four or five months we have held but one service on the Sabbath at the Church, holding Evening Prayers at the village, as preparatory to the permanent establishment of the entire service there, when the Church is completed.

Note. It will be observed that the number of communicants reported this year is not so large as formerly, as this report does not include Grace Church, Randolph, which parish for some years has been considered under the charge of the rector of Christ Church. Having performed no duty there, with the exception of officiating one Sunday during the last winter, in the Congregational meeting-house, at the urgent request of their minister, and not being apprised of the number of families and individuals that consider themselves belonging to that Church, I am not able nor authorized to report them.

I have also officiated and administered the Communion once a month in St. Paul's Church, Royalton, since the Rev. Dr. Clap ceased his services there in May. The report of that parish will probably stand nearly the same as it did last year, as then given by Dr. Clap.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, ROYALTON.

SEE REPORT OF THE RECTOR OF CHRIST CHURCH, BETHEL.

GRACE CHURCH. RANDOLPH.

SEE REPORT OF THE RECTOR OF CHRIST CHURCH, BETHEL.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, MIDDLEBURY.

THE REV. JOSEPH F. PHILLIPS, RECTOR.

Families, 48; Baptisms, (infants,) 5; Marriages (extra parochial,) 2; Burial, (child) 1; Communicants, (added by removal 4, lost by removal 3,) present number, 82; Catechumens, 50.

Contributions, for all purposes, about \$100.

Public Worship: Morning and Evening Service on every Sunday, on the Feast of the Nativity, and on Good Friday. Morning Service on all the other Holy days of the Church, and on Thanksgiving day, with a sermon or lecture. Morning Service daily, during the season of Lent, and on each Wednesday and Friday through the year. Evening Prayers on Thursdays at the houses of the parishioners during a part of the year, with exposition of the Scriptures. Administration of the Holy Eucharist on the first Sunday of every month, on the Feast of the Nativity, of the Resurrection, of the Ascension, of Whitsuntide, and on the occasion of the Episcopal visitation.

The catechumens are catechised on each Communion Sunday in "open Church," and on every Sunday are instructed in the catechism, or in books explanatory of it, under the supervision of the Rector.

The Ladies' Benevolent Society continue their praiseworthy labors, though they have thought it expedient to devote the avails of their industry the past year to parochial objects.

An attempt to introduce, in this parish, the last year, a more systematic mode of contribution to the various eleemosynary institutions of the Church, by way of individual subscriptions to specific objects, has been unsuccessful. The objects aimed at in the adoption of this mode were, an increase in the number of contributors as well as of the amount contributed, and the ability to estimate with more definiteness the annual sum which might be expected for each canonical object of contribution. These advantages have not, however, been realized; and the inconvenience and delay of collecting and appropriating to their various specific purposes numerous minute subscriptions, have been found such as to discourage, in this parish, the continuance of this mode. This statement, coupled with the fact that the greater part of the subscriptions, left as they were to the discretion of the subscribers, were for parochial purposes, must explain the want of a more definite and creditable report in regard to the contributions of the present year.

The state of the parish, since the last report, has not materially changed.

In a community where the population is stationary, if not declining, and where strong and combined influences and multiform devices and expedients are in active and constant operation against the Church, no considerable accession to her fold can be expected, without a special interposition of the Spirit of God, subduing the wilfulness and pride of human opinion, and bringing the minds and hearts of men into obedience to the laws, and conformity to the ordinances, of Christ.

The same measure of devotion and diligence which, in the thriving towns and populous communities of our land, usually results, with God's blessing, in the building up of large and flourishing parishes, must here be expended in keeping within their sacred enclosure, and training up for the great fold above, a little handful of the elect flock of the Redeemer. In a remote and obscure portion of the Great Master's vineyard, it is my allotment, in common with many of my brethren, far more faithful, diligent and deserving than myself, to labor and "endure hardness," without those visible and animating results which, in more conspicuous and fruitful portions of the ground, ensure to the faithful laborer his hire, recompense his toil with increase, and win for him a wide reputation among his fellow men. Considerations like these, however, have little weight with the faithful Christian pastor. It is sufficient honor to us that our Lord condescends to employ us in any part of his vineyard, or in any department of his service. Though our sphere be limited and humble, yet we pray and trust that our labor may not be wholly in vain; and though in the warfare we are called to wage, the posts of eminence and glory are filled by worthier soldiers of the cross, we would fain contribute, in our obscurer stations, our little aid to the final victory of our Lord and his Church.

Though the Rector deeply laments the too great prevalence of a worldly spirit among his people, he yet humbly trusts that there are among them those who are growing up for the kingdom of God; and, through a Saviour's merits, and in the use of the means of grace which the Church affords, and in the exercise of the faith, obedience, and love which she inculcates, becoming more and more meet for its blessed and endless enjoyments.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, VERGENNES.

THE REV. I. G. HUBBARD, LATE MINISTER.

Baptism, (infant) 1; Burials, 3; Marriages, 3; Communicants, (removed into the parish 1, removed from the parish 2, suspended 1,) present number, 63; Catechumens, 25.

Contributions, for Domestic Missions,	\$ 7.00
for the Jews,	5.00

\$ 12.00

There have been raised, for purposes within the parish, (including additions to the Sabbath school library \$10.00, painting the Church edifice \$90.00, enclosing the grounds around the Church \$60.00,) \$160.00. The efforts of the Ladies' Society have been particularly commendable.

Public Services, regular on Sundays and on the greater festivals and fasts, also during Passion Week.

TRINITY CHURCH, SHELBURNE.

THE REV. CHARLES CLEVELAND, RECTOR.

Families, (comprising adults 100, children 69, total 169,) 36; **Baptisms**, (adults 2, children 3,) 5; **Confirmed**, 3; **Marriages**, 2; **Burials**, 4; **Communicants**, (added anew 3, removed into the parish 1, removed from the parish 1, died 3,) present number, 40; **Catechumens**, 20.

Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion, not known.

for the contingent fund of the Diocese,	\$ 4.00
for the N. Y. Bible and Prayer Book Society,	
and for Sunday school books, about	9.00
for other purposes,	57.00
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Public Worship, on Sundays, morning and evening. On other days, in accordance with the usage of the American Church. The Holy Eucharist has been celebrated on the first Sunday of each month, and on Christmas and Easter. The children have been catechised at the Sunday school.

We cannot close without announcing an affliction in the recent decease of our venerated friend, Heman Chittenden, Esq., for many years senior Warden of the Parish, and when his health has permitted, her constant representative in the councils of the Diocese. The Church will sympathise with us in the loss of one so much respected and known as an able churchman and godly man.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, BURLINGTON.

THE RT. REV. J. H. HOPKINS, D. D., RECTOR.

Families, 56; **Students at College and other transient persons**, 18; **Baptisms**, (adults 2, children 10,) 12; **Confirmed**, 17; **Marriages**, 3, (besides two, the individuals belonging to other places,) 5; **Funerals**, 2; **Communicants**, (added 22, removed 1, died 1,) present number, 140; **Catechumens**, (boys 12, girls 24,) 36.

Contributions , alms at the Communion,	\$ 94.16
for General Missions, Foreign,	11.08
Domestic,	24.36
for the Jews,	17.67
for Diocesan Missions,	100.19
for Contingent Fund of the Diocese,	10.00
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Public services, regular, morning and evening on each Lord's day, on the greater Festivals, Thanksgiving day, Morning prayer throughout the season of Lent on Wednesdays and Fridays, and morning and evening service, with a lecture, every day through Passion Week. The Communion has been administered once a month, and on Easter day as usual.

The condition of the parish is much improved, on the whole. Its numbers have increased, and its unity and stability are such that the Rector has reason to thank God, for the blessing vouchsafed to his imperfect labors.

CALVARY CHURCH, JERICHO.

VACANT.

No Report.

CHRIST CHURCH, MONTPELIER.

THE REV. GEORGE B. MANSER, RECTOR.

Families, (comprising adults and children, total 179,) 55; Baptisms, (children,) 2; Confirmed, 4; Marriages, 2; Burials, 5; Communicants, (added anew 4, removed into the parish 1, removed from the parish 1,) present number, 36; Catechumens, (boys 13, girls 26,) 39.

Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	\$ 58.27
for the contingent fund of the Diocese,	4.00
towards the purchase of bell, raised by Ladies	
of the Parish at a Fair,	100.00
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	\$ 162.27

Public worship, on Sundays regularly, excepting one Sunday, and occasionally on other days. The Holy Eucharist is administered on the first Sunday of each month, and occasionally at other times. The children have been catechised occasionally, on Sundays only.

The parish, on the whole, seems prosperous, and the good hand of our God has evidently thus far guided us. To God be all the praise.

TRINITY CHURCH, FAIRFIELD.

THE REV. EDWARD F. PUTNAM, RECTOR.

Baptisms, (children,) 11; Confirmed, 4; Marriage, (parishioner) 1; Burials, (parishioners 2, non-parishioner 1,) 3; Communicants, (added anew 5, removed from the parish 1, died 1,) present number, 69; Catechumens, (boys 27, girls 31,) 58.

Contributions, alms at the Offertory, \$ 13.73
 Public services, regular, on Sundays and the principal Festivals
 and Fasts: also a third service at distant stations.

CHRIST CHURCH, FAIRFAX.

THE REV. EDWARD F. PUTNAM, RECTOR.

Baptisms, (adult 1, child 1,) 2; Marriage, (parishioner) 1; Con-
 firmed, 1; Communicants, (added anew 1, removed 1,) present num-
 ber, 28; Catechumens, 25.

Contributions, alms at the Communion, \$ 7.00
 Public services, regular, on Sundays, alternately with Fairfield.

UNION CHURCH, ST. ALBAN'S.

THE REV. JOSIAH PERRY, RECTOR.

Families, (comprising adults 144, children 89, other persons 23,
 total 256,) 45; Baptisms, (adults 3, children 4,) 7; Confirmed, 9;
 Marriages, 4; Burials, 12; Communicants, (added anew 9, removed
 into the parish 7, removed from the parish 5, died 3,) present num-
 ber, 111.

Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	\$ 49.83
for Diocesan Missions,	89.20
for Domestic Missions, for the Jews,	8.00
for the contingent fund of the Diocese,	10.00
for other purposes,	191.49
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	\$ 348.52

Public Worship, on Sundays, morning and evening, and occasion-
 ally a third service in distant parts of the parish and elsewhere. On oth-
 er days, Morning Prayer and Litany on all Wednesdays and Fridays;
 on every day in Lent; and Morning and Evening Prayer during Pas-
 sion Week, with a discourse, original or selected, in the afternoon. The
 Holy Eucharist is administered on the first Sunday in every month;
 on each Sunday in Lent, each day in Passion Week; and Easter Mon-
 day and Tuesday; on all the Festivals of the Church, i. e. on every
 occasion for which the Church has provided an ante-communion ser-
 vice. It has also been many times administered in private to the
 sick.

A part of the last sum mentioned in the list of contributions above,
 though expended during the last year, had been raised the year pre-
 vious. The Ladies of the parish, foremost in every good work, had

raised, in a Sewing Circle, \$140. During the year now past, an enterprising Juvenile Sewing Circle realized the sum of \$65. Of these two funds, the Ladies have expended, for handsomely enclosing the Church edifice and grounds, and towards recasting the bell, which had been broken, the sum of \$191.49.

A Parochial School, designed chiefly for the girls of the parish, was planned and put in operation by the previous Rector, and is still prosperous. The design of its founder and friends is, while imparting thorough practical instruction, both in elementary and most other studies pursued in Young Ladies' Seminaries, to secure, also, correct instruction in the duties of the Christian life, as taught by the Church. The condition of admission is, membership of the parish, and attendance upon its services. The school is wholly under the management of the Rector, who supplies it with instructors, gives general directions, manages its fiscal concerns, attends and opens its exercises in the morning, and spends some hours each day in hearing recitations. Various opportunities are taken for familiar conversational discussions and explanations of religious subjects, suggested by the sacred Scriptures, Liturgy, &c.

The Sunday school has been for some time suspended. The former Rector sought to secure the children of his flock from various and contradictory, and sometimes erroneous teaching, by dispensing with teachers of classes, calling the pupils around him, and reserving their instruction solely to himself. The result of the experiment was, however, unsatisfactory. The present Rector made an effort to obtain the same object by means of the Parish School and a Bible Class. Many children, however, who can be brought into a Sunday School, the influence of these means will fail to reach, and recourse will again be had to the old system, which, though not free from objections, has been too well proved to be regarded as an experiment.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, HIGHGATE.

VACANT.

No Report.

GRACE CHURCH, SHELDON.

THE REV. JOHN A. FITCH, RECTOR.

Baptisms, (adults 3, infants 3,) 6; Confirmed, 1; Marriages, 3; Burials, (adults 3, infants 4,) 7. One of the adults was the Rev. Richard Peck. The other two were gentlemen, who were baptized and received the Lord's Supper on their death beds. Present number of communicants, about 70; Catechumens, 40.

Contributions, for Foreign and Domestic Missions,	\$12.50
for Diocesan Missions,	2.00
for Sunday School Library and Bible Class	
books and a set of maps, about	23 00
for a Melodeon,	35.00
for the contingent fund of the Diocese,	2.00
for other objects, about	8.00
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	\$82.50

CHRIST CHURCH, ENOSBURGH.

THE REV. JOHN A. FITCH, RECTOR.

Baptisms, (adult 1, infant 3,) 4 ; Confirmed, 3 ; Marriages, 2 ; Burial, (a communicant,) 1 ; Communicants added, 3.

Contributions, for Foreign and Domestic Missions,	\$ 5.50
for the contingent fund of the Diocese,	2.00
for Diocesan Missions,	2.00
for other purposes, about	7.00
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	\$ 16.50

CALVARY CHURCH, EAST BERKSHIRE.

THE REV. E. H. SAYLES, RECTOR.

Families, (comprising adults 135, children 70, total number 205,) 36 ; Baptisms, (infants) 4 ; Confirmed, 1 ; Marriages, 2 ; Burials, (parishioner 1, non-parishioner 1,) 2 ; Communicants, (added anew 2,) present number, 65 ; Catechumens, (boys 15, girls 40,) 55.

Contributions, alms at Communion,	\$ 9.28
contingent fund of the Diocese,	4.00
for other purposes,	41.00
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Public Services, regular, twice every Sunday, and sometimes a third in different places. Occasional, on the principal Fasts and Festivals of the Church, and on those appointed by the Executive. Administrations of the Holy Communion once in two months, and on the Fasts and Festivals observed.

Lay reading and the Sunday School are regularly sustained in the absence of the Rector, and well attended. Through the zeal and liberality of the Ladies, the pulpit and reading desk have been trimmed and cushioned in a neat and becoming manner. The singing has been greatly improved by the purchase of a melodeon, which adds much to that delightful part of divine worship. A row of thirteen sheds are

now in process of erection in the rear of the Church. On the whole, the parish is growing in strength and influence.

UNION CHURCH, MONTGOMERY.

THE REV. E. H. SAYLES, RECTOR.

Families, (comprising adults 100, children 75, total 175,) 37; Baptisms, (adult 1, infants 4,) 5; Confirmed, 2; Burials, 3; Communicants, (added anew 2, died 1,) present number, 75; Catechumens, about 30.

Contributions, alms at Communion,	\$ 3.80
contingent fund of the Diocese,	4.00
for other purposes,	34.00
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	\$ 41.80

Public Services, regular, twice every Sunday, and frequently a third in different places. Occasional, on the principal Fasts and Festivals of the Church, and on those appointed by the Executive. Administrations of the Holy Eucharist, once in two months, and on such Fasts and Festivals as are observed.

Lay reading is regularly sustained one-half the time, and well attended. The singing has been improved by the purchase of a melodeon, which is a fine addition to that delightful part of sacred worship, and on the whole the Church is gradually gaining strength and influence.

APPENDIX II.

LIST OF THE CLERGY IN THE DIOCESE OF VERMONT.

The Rt. Rev. JOHN HENRY HOPKINS, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, and Rector of St. Paul's Church, Burlington.

PRESBYTERS.

The Rev. HENRY BLACKALLER, Rector of Zion Church, Manchester.

The Rev. JOEL CLAP, D. D., Rector of St. James' Church, Woodstock.

The Rev. CHARLES CLEVELAND, Rector of Trinity Church, Shelburne.

The Rev. HENRY M. DAVIS.

The Rev. JOHN A. FITCH, Rector of Grace Church, Sheldon, and Christ Church, Enosburgh.

The Rev. JOHN A. HICKS, Rector of Trinity Church, Rutland.

The Rev. GEORGE B. MANSEY, Rector of Christ Church, Montpelier.

The Rev. LOUIS M'DONALD.

The Rev. JOSIAH PERRY, Rector of Union Church, St. Alban's.

The Rev. JOSEPH F. PHILLIPS, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Middlebury.

The Rev. ALBIN K. PUTNAM, Rector of Immanuel Church, Bellows Falls.

The Rev. EDWARD F. PUTNAM, Rector of Trinity Church, Fairfield, and Christ Church, Fairfax.

The Rev. JOHN T. SABINE, Rector of Christ Church, Bethel.

The Rev. EZEKIEL H. SAYLES, Rector of Union Church, Montgomery, and Calvary Church, Berkshire.

***The Rev. CHARLES J. TODD,** Rector of St. Peter's Church, Bennington.

The Rev. FREDERICK A. WADLEIGH, Rector of St. James' Church, Arlington.

DEACONS.

The Rev. ALBERT H. BAILEY, Minister at Brandon.

Rev. THORNTON W. CLAPP.

The Rev. ZADOCK THOMPSON, residing at Burlington.

* The letter dimissory of Rev. Mr. Todd, from the diocese of Illinois, and his settlement at Bennington, did not reach the knowledge of the Bishop in time for his Address to the Convention.

APPENDIX III.

RELIEF OF AGED AND INFIRM CLERGYMEN, &c.

The following Resolutions were adopted at this Convention.

Resolved, That upon Easter day in each year a contribution be made by every Church in the Diocese, to be placed in the hands of the Treasurer, and applied at the discretion of the Bishop and the Standing Committee, for the relief of Aged and Infirm Clergymen in this Diocese who may be destitute of the means of an adequate and comfortable support, and also for the relief of such Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen who have labored and died in this Diocese, as are destitute and need assistance.

Resolved, That if, in the judgment of the Bishop and the Standing Committee, the contributions shall amount to more in any year than the necessities for that year require, the overplus shall be safely invested by them, as a fund for the relief of Aged and Infirm Clergymen, and the Widows and Orphans of Clergymen in the Diocese of Vermont.

APPENDIX IV.

DIOCESAN MISSIONS.

The following Resolutions were passed at the Convention of 1841.

Whereas an effective Missionary operation is believed to be highly important to the interests of the Diocese, therefore,

Resolved, That this Convention hereby recommend to the respective parishes in the Diocese, to raise by monthly collections, or such other method as the clergy may deem expedient, contributions for domestic missions.

Resolved, That said contributions be paid quarterly into the hands of the Treasurer of the Convention, subject to the order of a Committee,

consisting of the Bishop, as *ex-officio*, chairman; the Standing Committee of the Diocese; and three Laymen, to be appointed by the laymembers of the Convention.

Resolved, That the said Committee appropriate the funds thus raised, at their discretion, for missionary purposes within the Diocese, and report annually to the Convention.

RULES

Adopted by the Missionary Committee, September 18th, 1845.

1. Feeble parishes already organized, as well as other places where in the judgment of the committee the labors of a Missionary would be productive of sufficient good to warrant such an undertaking, will be, from time to time, designated as Missionary Stations, and those Clergymen who are aided by the Committee, will be regarded as Missionaries.

2. Two or more such places, near to each other, in which a Clergyman can conveniently labor, will frequently be regarded as a single station.

3. All moneys appropriated by the committee for Missionary labor, shall be paid to the Missionary who performs it, and not to the parish in which he labors.

4. When a Missionary is appointed to a Station which comprises more than one parish or place where he is to officiate statedly, he shall divide his services between the several places, in proportion to the amount of salary paid by each over and above the stipend which the committee allow him.

5. The stipends of the Missionaries shall ordinarily be equal; and shall be fixed at such a sum as the committee, at a meeting held annually for that purpose, shall determine.

6. Any missionary Station may be discontinued at the discretion of the Committee.

7. No Clergyman shall receive aid as a Missionary from this Committee who is not canonically resident in this Diocese.

8. The Secretary of the Standing Committee shall be, *ex-officio*, Secretary of the Missionary Committee.

REPORT OF THE MISSIONARY COMMITTEE.

The Missionary Committee met in Immanuel Church, Bellows Falls, on the evening of September 16th, 1846, the Rt. Rev. J. H. Hopkins in the chair.

On motion, *Resolved*, To add to the list of Stations adopted last year, the three following:

Swanton and Irasburgh,
Enosburgh,
Woodstock and parts adjacent.

On motion, *Resolved*, To appropriate for the year ensuing, the sums following :

To the Missionary at	Guilford,	\$50,00
"	" Shelburne,	50,00
"	" Brandon,	50,00
"	" Bethel,	50,00
"	" Enosburgh,	37,50
"	" Woodstock,	25,00
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		262,50

Resolved, That the Treasurer be directed to pay these appropriations semi-annually.

J. A. HICKS,
Secretary of the Missionary Committee.

APPENDIX V.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

DIocese of VERMONT, *in account with* N. PARKER, *Treasurer.*

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1845. Sept.	To balance as reported last year,	\$51.64	
" "	To cash received from Parishes,	77.00	
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		\$128.64	
			<i>Cr.</i>
1845. Sept.	Paid to the order of Rev. A. K. Putnam,		
	for printing Journals,	\$68.36	
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NAHUM PARKER, *Treasurer.*

APPENDIX VI.

OFFICERS OF THE CONVENTION.

The Rt. Rev. JOHN H. HOPKINS, D. D., PRESIDENT, *ex officio*.

Rev. ALBIN K. PUTNAM, *Secretary*, Bellows Falls.

NAHUM PARKER, Esq., *Treasurer*, Middlebury.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

Rev. JOEL CLAP, D. D.

Rev. JOHN A. HICKS,

Rev. GEORGE B. MANSEY,

Rev. JOSEPH F. PHILLIPS,

Rev. CHARLES CLEVELAND.

CLERICAL DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

Rev. JOEL CLAP, D. D.

Rev. JOHN A. HICKS.

Rev. GEORGE B. MANSEY,

Rev. JOSEPH F. PHILLIPS,

LAY DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

Messrs. CHARLES K. WILLIAMS,

ISAAC F. REDFIELD,

CHARLES LINSLEY,

ALEXANDER FLEMING.

MISSIONARY COMMITTEE.

The Rt. Rev. BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE, Chairman, *ex officio*.

The STANDING COMMITTEE,

and the following Lay Gentlemen:—

Messrs. NAHUM PARKER,

A. L. MINER,

GEO. B. SHAW.

TRUSTEES OF THE GENERAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Rev. JOHN A. HICKS,

APPENDIX VII.—TABULAR VIEW OF THE PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

PARISHES.	Congregations.				Baptisms.		Communicants.				Contributions.										
	Families.	Adults.	Children.	Total.	Adults.	Children.	Total.	Confirmed.	Added or received.	Removed or died.	Present number.	Marriages.	Burials.	Catechumens.	Aims at				Other par poors.	Total.	
															Commun. n.	Missions	Domes- tic.	For- eign.			Contingent Fund of Diocese.
St. Peter's, Bennington,	62	158	85	243	1	1	2	7	7	1	88	2	9	60	23.36	15.00		24.00	82.00	144.46	
St. James', Arlington,		34	101	65	166	3	3	6	5	2	36	1	3	50	13.67			4.00	250.92	268.59	
Zion, Manchester,	36	114	97	211	1	5	6		2	64	5	4	55	4.00						4.00	
Christ, Guilford,	71	205	118	323	3	10	13	9	6	10	154	4	3	106	39.16	38.53	10.00	20.00		147.69	
Immanuel, Bellows Falls,																					
St. Stephen's, Tinnmouth,																					
St. Paul's, Wells,																					
St. John's, Poutlney,	41	94	41	135	1	2	3	2	3	6	51	3	3		25.00	2.00	4.00			8.00	
St. James' Castleton,																					
Trinity, Rutland,	50	120	75	195	1	3	4	6	6	2	67	3	3	30		11.50	8.00	6.00		62.00	
St. Thomas, Brandon,																					
Union, Springfield,																					
St. Paul's, Windsor,	36	104	60	164	1	5	1		1	1	58	4	6			13.00	6.00			43.00	
St. James', Woodstock,	30										50	1	1								
Christ, Bethel,	17										35										
St. Paul's, Royalton,																					
Grace, Randolph,																					
St. Andrew's, Rochester,	48				5	5			4	3	82	2	1	50		7.00			165.00	100.00	
St. Stephen's, Middlebury,					1	1			1	3	63	3	3	25				4.00	66.00	172.00	
St. Paul's, Vergennes,	36	100	69	169	2	3	5	3	4	4	40	2	4	20	94.16	24.36	11.08	10.00	17.67	70.00	
Trinity, Shelburne,	56				2	10	12	17	22	2	140	5	2	36						257.46	
St. Paul's, Burlington,																					
Calvary, Jericho,	55				2	2	4	5	1	36	2	5	39		58.27		4.00	100.00		162.27	
Christ, Montpelier,					11	11	4	5	2	69	1	3	58		13.73					13.73	
Trinity, Fairfield,					1	1	2	1	1	1	28	1	25		7.00					7.00	
Christ, Fairfax,	45	167	89	256	3	4	7	9	16	8	111	4	12		49.83	89.20	10.00	191.49		348.52	
Union, St. Alban's,																					
St. John's, Highgate,					3	3	6	1			70	3	7	40		6.25	6.25	2.00	66.00	82.50	
Grace, Sheldon,					1	3	4	3	3	1		2	1			2.75	2.75	2.00	7.00	16.50	
Christ, Enosburgh,	36	135	70	205							65	2	2	55	9.28			4.00	41.00	54.28	
Calvary, Berkshire,	37	100	75	175	1	4	5	2	2	1	75		3	30	3.80			4.00	34.00	41.80	
Union, Montgomery,																					
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NOTICE.

THE next annual Convention of this Diocese will be held in ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, BURLINGTON, on the third Wednesday of September, 1847.

ALBIN K. PUTNAM,
Secretary.

FORM OF CERTIFICATE FOR LAY-DELEGATES.

I hereby certify, that, at a meeting of the Vestry of ——— Church, ———, holden as the Canon directs, on Easter Monday, in the year of our Lord ———, A. B. and C. D. &c. Members of the Vestry, were duly elected Delegates to represent the said Parish in the ensuing convention of the Diocese.

N——— M———,
'Secretary of the Vestry.'

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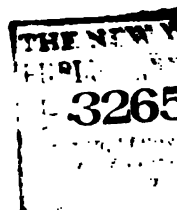
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OF THE
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ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, BURLINGTON, }
September 15th, 1847. }

THIS being the day appointed for the meeting of the Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Vermont, the Bishop, Clergy, and Lay Delegates from the Parishes, assembled in St. Paul's Church, Burlington, and at nine o'clock, A. M., the Convention was called to order by the Rt. Rev. Bishop of the Diocese, who took the Chair, *ex officio*; the Rev. A. K. Putnam being Secretary.

On calling the list of the Clergy entitled to seats in the Convention, and of the Parishes entitled to representation therein, a quorum of both Clergy and Laity was found to be present, and the Convention was duly organized.

The Clergy present were

The Rt. Rev. JOHN HENRY HOPKINS, D. D.,	
The Rev. Joel Clap, D. D.	The Rev. Edw. F. Putnam,
" John A. Fitch,	" Ezekiel H. Sayles,
" George B. Manser,	" Fred. A. Wadleigh,
" Albin K. Putnam,	" Albert H. Bailey.

The Lay Delegates present were as follows:

St. John's Church, East Poultney: Amon Bailey.

Trinity Church, Rutland: Porter Howe.

St. Paul's Church, Burlington: George B. Shaw, Richard G. Cole, Timothy F. Strong.

Christ Church, Bethel: Paul Flinn.

Christ Church, Fairfax : Alfred Wheeler.

Trinity Church, Fairfield : Lyman Royce.

St. Peter's Church, Bennington : Smith Montague.

Christ Church, Enosburgh : Rollin Eaton.

St. Paul's Church, Wells : Raymond H. Hopson.

Christ Church, Montpelier : E. P. Scribner.

St. John's Church, Highgate : Caleb Mead.

On motion,

Resolved, That Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church, not canonically entitled to seats in this Convention, all Clergymen of the Church of England, and all Candidates for Holy Orders in this Church, who may be present, be, and hereby are, invited to attend the sittings of this Convention.

The Rev. Messrs. N. O. Preston of the Diocese of Louisiana, J. Avery Shepherd of the diocese of North Carolina, and the Rev. Messrs. Oliver Hopson, C. R. Batchelder, Foster Thayer, Josiah Swett, Z. Thompson, of this diocese, were present and took seats in the Convention under the above resolution.

The Convention then proceeded to the choice of Secretary. The Rev. Albin K. Putnan declined a reelection; whereupon the Rev. Geo. B. Manser was elected Secretary.

Nahum Parker Esq. was reelected Treasurer.

On motion, the Convention took a recess for the purpose of attending Divine Service.

Morning prayer was said by Rev. Joel Clap, D. D. The sermon was preached by the Bishop, and the Rev. Messrs. Albert H. Bailey, Josiah Swett, and C. R. Batchelder, were ordained to the Priesthood. The candidates were presented by Rev. George B. Manser, and the Bishop was assisted in the administration of the Holy Communion by Rev. Joel Clap, D. D.

The Convention then was called to order, and, on motion, adjourned till 3 o'clock, P. M.

3 o'clock, P. M. OF THE SAME DAY.

The Convention then re-assembled pursuant to adjournment.

The Rev. John A. Hicks, D. D., and Rev. Charles Cleveland, who were not present in the morning, appeared and took their seats in Convention.

The following Lay Delegates, not present in the morning, also appeared and took their seats in the Convention; from *St. Stephen's Church, Middlebury*: Nahum Parker, Ozias Seymour.

Calvary Church, Jericho: Arthur Bostwick.

St. Paul's Church, Burlington: William Atwater.

Trinity Church, Shelburne: Horace Saxton.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop of the Diocese then delivered his annual

ADDRESS.

BELoved BERTHREN:

THE year which has passed away since our last Convention, has not been marked by anything out of the ordinary course, in the parishes of the diocese. The Church, on the whole, is rather in a growing and healthy state, although its progress, whether in a spiritual or a temporal aspect, is far below the mark of a sanguine anticipation; and there is still so little done, in comparison with what is left undone, that we have much more reason to humble ourselves before God than to assume the tone of satisfied complacency.

The first act which my official duty as your bishop called upon me to perform, was the transmission of the resolution passed by our last Convention, requesting that the Venerable Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in foreign parts would appoint certain individuals therein named, as additional members of their Vermont Board of Agency. Immediately after our adjournment, the Rev. Ebenezer Williams, of Wisconsin, wrote to me, desiring some letters of introduction for himself, as he was about to visit England. This gave me a happy opportunity to transmit a copy of our

Journal, together with a communication addressed to his Grace, the Archbishop of Canterbury, who is the President of the Venerable Society. And the month of June brought me the new power of attorney in complete form, presented in the kindest generosity, free from all expense or charge; another evidence added to a long and precious list of the cordial Christian liberality, which our beloved Mother Church of England has exhibited towards her transatlantic progeny.

The document did not arrive in season for the regular meeting of the Board, but I lost no time in giving notice to the new agents, and it will be doubtless proper that a meeting should be holden on some day during the current year, to receive the fiscal report of the treasurer, and make suitable arrangements for the future disposition of the trust committed to them.

On Wednesday, February 10th, I visited our little society organized by the name of Calvary Church, Jericho, which has been kept alive by regular lay-reading in a private room, ever since the year 1844, weak in numbers, but strong in the zeal of a few devoted christian people. On this occasion I officiated alone, preached, baptized two children and two adults, confirmed four persons, and administered the holy Communion.

On the evening of Good Friday, April 2d, in St. Paul's Church, Burlington, I confirmed eleven persons. And on Whitsunday, May 23d, I administered confirmation to six more, making seventeen persons in that parish since the last Convention.

On Monday, August 9th, I visited Union Church, St. Albans, preached, and confirmed three persons, the rector, Rev. Josiah Perry, assisting. A meeting of the vestry was held in the evening, at which the rector attended; and it was there agreed that he was to close his connexion with the parish by the first of October next, or earlier, if a successor could be found prepared to enter upon his duties. The sun-dering of the ministerial bond, from whatever cause, is al-

ways painful; but it was rendered as little so in this case as could have been anticipated, by the kindly feelings and entire unanimity of all concerned.

Tuesday, August 10th, I visited Trinity Church, Fairfield, in company with Rev. Mr. Perry, who not only assisted in the performance of morning prayer, but also, at the request of the rector, Rev. E. F. Putnam, administered the sacrament of baptism to an adult; after which, I preached, and confirmed the same person. In the afternoon I proceeded with Mr. Putnam to his other parish, Christ Church, Fairfax, where I preached in the school-house to a serious and attentive assembly. Some progress has been made at Fairfield in the building of a rectory, and in Fairfax towards the erection of a suitable house of worship, and I trust that the Convention of the next year may be told of their completion.

Wednesday, August 11th, I arrived along with Rev. Mr. Putnam, at Calvary Church, Berkshire, in season for morning service. A good congregation were assembled, and the Rector, Rev. E. H. Sayles, presented four candidates for confirmation, one of whom had been wonderfully raised up, after many years of sickness and sorrow, to praise her heavenly Physician, and pay her vows in the presence of his people. In the afternoon I visited Union Church, Montgomery, of which Rev. Mr. Sayles is also Rector, where I preached, and confirmed one person. Rev. Messrs. Putnam and Fitch assisted the Rector in the services of this interesting day.

Thursday, August 12th, I proceeded with Rev. Mr. Putnam to Christ Church, Enosburgh, where he performed the morning service, and baptized an adult; after which I preached, and confirmed the same person. In the afternoon we went on to Grace Church, Sheldon, in which also, one candidate was prepared for the ordinance of confirmation. The rector of both these churches, the Rev. John A. Fitch, was suddenly called away by an unexpected claim of frater-

nal duty, and devolved his office for the time upon Rev. Mr. Putnam, who fulfilled it most acceptably.

Friday, August 13th, I preached at St. John's Church, Highgate, where I officiated alone to a serious and attentive congregation, baptizing the infant child of a valued friend, but having no candidates for confirmation. This interesting parish had been vacant for a considerable period, and has now engaged the services of Rev. C. R. Batchelder, who was expecting to have reached his new home, together with his family, in season for my visit, but was unavoidably detained, as much to his disappointment as to mine.

Returning to my own parish in time for the duties of the Lord's day, I resumed my visitation on Monday, the 16th of August, at St. Paul's Church, Vergennes, where I preached to a small, but attentive congregation, and was gratified to find that after suffering a long vacancy, they were again supplied with a rector, the Rev. Foster Thayer, and were looking forward to a brighter prospect, under his pastoral supervision. Mr. Thayer assisted me in the services, but had not been long enough in his new post to have any candidates prepared for confirmation.

Tuesday, August 17th, I proceeded to St. Stephen's Church, Middlebury, where I preached in the afternoon, the rector, Rev. Joseph F. Phillips, assisting. In the evening, the vestry and the Rector met, and after discussing the subject at some length, it was agreed that his connexion with the parish should be dissolved. It is due to Mr. Philips to add that the ostensible cause of the separation involved no censure on him, but was rested on the ground of pecuniary inability.

Wednesday, August 18th, I proceeded by stage to St. Thomas' Church, Brandon, where I preached; the minister, Rev. Albert Bailey, assisting.

Thursday, August 19th, I was conveyed to Trinity Church, Rutland. The congregation was large for the time, the Rector, Rev. John A. Hicks, D. D. performed the office of

Evening Prayer, and after a discourse by myself, five candidates received the ordinance of confirmation.

Friday, August 20th, I proceeded to St. John's Church, Poulney, preached, and confirmed three persons. And in the afternoon of the same day, I visited St. Paul's Church, Wells, preached, and confirmed five persons. These parishes had been vacant for a considerable period, but are now united under the care of their rector, Rev. O. Hopson, whose labors have been already blessed in a manifest increase, which is only the first fruits, as I trust, of an abundant harvest.

Saturday, August 21st, I was conveyed to Zion Church, Manchester, and beheld, with much satisfaction, the commodious addition which the rector, Rev. Henry Blackaller, had made to his dwelling house, for the purpose of accommodating a superior school of female education. I was deeply interested in hearing of the success which has thus far attended his praise-worthy efforts, and earnestly hope that the blessing of God may not only give him physical strength for his arduous sphere of labor, but may so order the result as to make it a lasting benefit to the Church and the community. On Sunday, the 12th after Trinity, I preached in the morning to a very full audience, and confirmed two persons, the rector assisting in the services. In the afternoon I proceeded to St. James' Church, Arlington, where I preached to a good congregation, and confirmed five persons, the rector, Rev. Frederick A. Wadleigh, assisting.

Monday, August 23d, I was conveyed along with Rev. Mr. Wadleigh, by a zealous member of his flock, to St. Peter's Church, Bennington, where he performed the Evening Service of the Church, and I preached, and confirmed two persons. This interesting parish has enjoyed the services of the Rev. Charles I. Todd since the last Convention, but their rector has been obliged to apply for his dismissal, on account of his wife's ill health; the physicians having advised the sea air, as affording the best hope, under

God, of her recovery. The Church at Bennington is therefore again vacant, but I trust not long to remain so.

Tuesday, August 24th, was occupied in crossing the Mountain to Brattleboro', where I remained until Wednesday, and then proceeded, along with my hospitable host, to Christ-Church, Guilford, preached, and confirmed two persons, the Rector, Rev. John B. Pradt, assisting. The Congregation was good considering the time, and I was truly thankful to see that the rector, after having been transferred for some years to another diocese, had returned and settled in his old and favorite location.

Thursday, August 26th, the Rev. Mr. Pradt conveyed me to Immanuel Church, Bellows Falls, where I was not a little depressed to find that the Rector, Rev. A. K. Putnam, was declining in health, so as to awaken the general apprehensions and earnest sympathy of his attached congregation. He was still able, however, to attend his Church. The services were performed by Rev. Messrs. Herrick of New Hampshire and Rev. Mr. Pradt, I preached, and confirmed one person. The audience was large, the music uncommonly good, and the occasion in all respects deeply interesting.

Friday, August 27th, at the desire of a few zealous members of the Church in Proctorsville, I visited that place, and officiated alone in the house of worship belonging to the Methodist society, which was kindly lent for the service. The congregation was not large, yet more so than could have been, under the circumstances, anticipated; several having come eleven miles in order to attend.

Saturday, August 28th, I proceeded to St. Paul's Church, Windsor, and on the following day, being the 13th Sunday after Trinity, I officiated alone morning and afternoon, preached twice, administered the Communion to twenty-five persons in Church, and afterwards, in private, to a sick lady who desired it, and baptised publicly two lovely children. This interesting parish, once amongst the first in the diocese, has been long vacant, and become greatly weakened.

But there is enough left to encourage the hope that it will rise again to its former vigor. The congregation was larger than I expected in the morning, and very full in the afternoon, and I earnestly hope that the time is at hand when some zealous and devoted labourer will be sent into this important quarter of the vineyard.

Monday, August 30th, I was conveyed to St. James' Church, Woodstock, where I preached to a small but attentive congregation, the rector, Rev. Dr. Clap, assisting.

St. Paul's Church, Royalton, would have stood next in order, but I had written to the Rev. Mr. Swett who had the charge over the parish, and in reply was excused from the duty, inasmuch as the members who could have attended preferred to unite in the services at Bethel.

Tuesday, August 31st. Owing to a disappointment in the vehicle he had expected, the rector and I left Woodstock for Bethel in the stage, which had been detained nearly two hours later than the usual time by the extraordinary number of passengers, thus compelling me to fall more than one hour behind my appointment, to my serious mortification and regret. For the new Church was to be consecrated, and a crowded congregation had assembled to do honor to a service which occurs only at rare intervals, and it was painful to know that our unavoidable delay was producing so much impatience and apprehension, and thus putting our brethren and friends into a state of uneasiness but little adapted to the solemn duties of the day. Notwithstanding this unpleasant drawback, however, the services were attended to with great seriousness and apparent interest. The building did much credit to all concerned, neat, commodious, and well-proportioned. A small but very effective organ, played with uncommon taste and feeling, sustained the choir in all the chants and psalmody, and seldom have I heard the devotional music of the Church better performed. The Rev. Josiah Swett, who has become the minister of the parish, with the Rev. Dr. Clap and the Rev. Mr. Manser, took part in the Consecration and other services.

I preached both morning and afternoon, and on the latter occasion eight persons were confirmed. It was, on the whole, an auspicious commencement of the new career of this interesting parish. May its future progress be abundantly favored by the blessing of Him, "without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy."

Wednesday, Sept. 1st, I preached in the parish of Grace Church, Randolph, Rev. Mr. Swett assisted in the services, and the house of worship belonging to the Congregational society was kindly offered on this, as it has been on several former occasions. A strong desire was manifested to erect a Church without further delay; and two donations of very marked liberality were tendered for this laudable purpose, before the day had closed; which seemed to secure, under divine favor, the success of the undertaking.

Thursday, Sept. 2d, I visited Christ Church, Montpelier, preached, and administered the rite of confirmation to one person, the Rector, George B. Manser, assisting.

And on Monday, September 13th, I proceeded to Trinity Church, Shelburne, preached, and confirmed three persons. Several others who were prepared for confirmation were unavoidably absent; but it was arranged that a second visit should be paid on their account, soon after Convention. I was assisted in the service by the Rector, Rev. Charles Cleveland, and was not a little thankful to see the parish growing stronger, under his faithful and steadfast ministrations, notwithstanding the difficulties to which it has been exposed.

The whole number confirmed since our last Convention is only sixty-nine. This falls short of the average of former years, and indicates, no doubt, the influence of the worldliness and indifference, of which we have all heard such sad complaints in every direction. Nevertheless, the Church in the diocese, on the whole, seems to be prospering. Our principal difficulty appears to have consisted in the frequent changes of our ministry, and the consequent intervals, sometimes of months and even years, during which many

parishes have been vacant. Under these circumstances, any increase of spiritual growth would be impossible, and it could hardly be expected that our congregations could even hold their own. And one great cause of this difficulty, beloved brethren, can only be removed by the efforts of the laity. Our wardens and vestrymen need a far more zealous interest in the faithful discharge of their responsible office. To them it belongs to provide for their minister's comfortable support, to attend punctually to the collection and paying over of the stipulated salary, and to strengthen the parishioners, both by precept and example, in the essential duty of giving what is just and right for the maintenance of the Gospel. They should remember that this is a duty which the minister himself cannot enforce, without hazarding the respect and affection belonging to the higher objects of his office. And instead of laying aside the business of the Church, under the mistaken idea that it is as much the affair of every other man, they should bear in mind that the very law of the Church commits it specially to them; and that if it involves some additional trouble occasionally, yet it also involves higher privileges and more abundant blessings, in behalf of those who discharge it as an offering of love to the Redeemer. God grant us an increasing spirit of attention to this important matter, and spare us the awful evils which must ensue, if the ministers of Christ are not supported. The Lord's Sabbaths profaned—the Lord's house closed and going to decay—the children of our congregations deprived of Sunday School instruction, and growing up in religious ignorance, in utter recklessness towards God, and in practical contempt for piety and virtue—O brethren! fearful must be the result of all this, even on your own earthly comfort and prosperity, and dreadful will be the account to be rendered for it at the last day.

You will hardly think that I say more than is reasonable upon this painful subject, when I add the result of a simple inquiry into the history of ministerial changes during the period, not quite fifteen years, of my official connection with

the diocese. Of the sixteen Churches which were then strong enough to have a minister, nine have had five different Rectors apiece, two have had six, one has had three, three have had two, and two only, the parish at Rutland and my own parish, have the same man still officiating! Besides this, most of them have suffered from considerable vacancies, when their Churches were closed altogether. Now I need not tell you how injuriously this must operate upon the mutual confidence of both ministers and people. On neither side can there be a fair opportunity to form the intimate acquaintance and affectionate regard which are so important for the proper influence of the Gospel. And if something is not done to produce a better state of things with regard to the permanence of the parochial connexion between the pastors and their flock, we shall be compelled to lament an increasing loss of religious power, or seek for the only practicable resource in an itinerating ministry.

I am far from wishing to be understood, however, as desiring to lay the whole fault upon the laity. It is beyond all dispute that many of the changes to which I have referred were imputable to the clergy themselves. For the evil, unhappily, is almost epidemical throughout the Church at large. Our ministry only share in the restlessness which marks our whole national character, and this restlessness, perhaps, should be regarded as a necessary part of the spirit of progress or enterprize, which makes the age we live in so emphatically an age of movement and of change. Still, while I have every disposition to make allowance for the cause, the effect upon our religious stability and growth is none the less disastrous. And it is my solemn duty to present the evil to your assembled wisdom, in the hope that something may be done to lessen its injurious operation, if not to effect its cure.

To this end, I would recommend to your attention the following subjects of consideration:

First, the expediency of availing yourselves of the canon passed by our last General Convention, authorizing the

Bishop, with the consent of the Standing Committee, to ordain deacons without demanding the full theological requirements expected of those whose sole object is the clerical vocation. This measure would give us, in time, one branch of the ministry, and that a highly important one, permanently located in every parish, to aid the Rector when he is present, to supply his place to a certain extent when he is absent, and thus to keep up the regular services of the Church under all the changes to which the present system is liable. I know many individuals admirably qualified to discharge this duty, without adding to the pecuniary burdens of the people—men who stand high in their respective communities, and whose position in office and in property would give weight to their piety, and influence to their example, without any sacrifice of their secular concerns. And the Church, in availing herself of their aid in the form proposed, would not only be returning to the system of the Apostles which has been fairly recorded in our Prayer Book, but would gain an arm of strength likely, under God, to relieve us from a large amount of the existing difficulty.

And in the second place, I would advise the passage of a resolution requesting our older and stronger parishes to relinquish their present share in the land fund of the Diocese, for the express purpose of supporting as many missionaries as possible, to preach as itinerants amongst the weaker Churches. Without some such relinquishment, the income of that fund will not be sufficient to effect much. We have, at this moment, several organized societies which are nothing more in fact than missionary stations, and which, without this aid, will not only be utterly unable to increase in strength, but must, on the contrary, fall away to nothing.

The ministerial changes of the past year have been largely in favor of the diocese. The Rev. Henry M. Davis has been dismissed at his own request to the diocese of New York, the Rev. John T. Sabine to the diocese of Massachusetts, and the Rev. Charles I. Todd to the diocese of Connecticut. On the other hand, the Rev. John B. Pradt has

been received from the diocese of Pennsylvania, the Rev. Oliver Hopson from the diocese of Connecticut, the Rev. Foster Thayer from the diocese of New York, and the Rev. Messrs. C. R. Batchelder and Josiah Swett from the diocese of New Hampshire. Our list of clergy, therefore, which stood at nineteen a year ago, is now increased to twenty-one, besides the Bishop.

The ordinations have been only those which you have this day witnessed, viz., the Rev. Albert H. Bailey, Josiah Swett, and C. R. Batchelder, deacons, advanced to the order of priests.

The list of vacant Churches at the time of our last Convention comprised six parishes, Highgate, Vergennes, Windsor, Poultney, Wells, and Bennington. Four of these are now supplied, but I am sorry to say that two others are destitute. The present list consists of St. Paul's Church, Windsor; St. Peter's Church, Bennington; Union Church, St. Albans, and St. Stephen's Church, Middlebury. May the Lord of the harvest send them laborers rightly qualified for their work, full of zeal and love, "able rightly to divide the word of truth, and give to each his portion in due season."

And now, beloved brethren, I commit you to the guidance and direction of the blessed Head of the Church, the Redeemer who is the Bishop and Shepherd of our souls, with the earnest prayer that the Spirit of Wisdom from above may preside over our counsels, and make them effectual for the welfare of the Saviour's flock, and the promotion of his glory.

The Bishop's address being concluded, the proposed alterations of the Constitution and Canons, laid before Convention last year, by Rev. Mr. Blackaller, being called up, were, on motion, referred to the next Convention.

The Convention then proceeded to the choice of officers for the year ensuing. On balloting, as the Canon directs, the following elections were made :

FOR STANDING COMMITTEE: The Rev. John A. Hicks, D. D., Rev. Joel Clap, D. D., Rev. George B. Manser, Charles Cleveland, E. H. Sayles.

FOR CLERICAL DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION: The Rev. Joel Clap, D. D., Rev. John A. Hicks, D. D., Rev. George B. Manser, and Rev. Albin K. Putnam.

FOR LAY DELEGATES TO GENERAL CONVENTION: Messrs. Charles K. Williams, Isaac F. Redfield, George B. Shaw, and A. O. Aldis.

FOR COMMITTEE OF FINANCE: Messrs. Nahum Parker, R. G. Cole, Rollin Eaton.

FOR LAY MEMBERS OF THE MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Messrs. Nahum Parker, R. G. Cole, Rollin Eaton.

On motion,

Resolved, That the next annual Diocesan Convention be held at St. John's Church, East Poultney.

The Rev. Frederick A. Wadleigh was appointed Preacher before the next Convention, the Rev. E. H. Sayles to be his substitute.

The Rev. A. H. Bailey was appointed Preacher of the Missionary Sermon, the evening preceding the next Convention, the Rev. Foster Thayer to be his substitute.

The proposition for the alteration of the Constitution, changing the time for holding the annual Diocesan Convention, introduced by Rev. Dr. Clap, at the last Convention, and laid over for action to the present time, was, on motion, called up and after discussion,

Resolved, To dismiss the same.

Mr. Bailey had leave to withdraw the motion proposed by him, last Convention, for altering the time of holding the annual Convention to the last Wednesday in June, and the same was withdrawn accordingly.

The following motion was then introduced :

Resolved, That the fifth Article of the Constitution be so altered, as to make the 3d Wednesday in June the time of the meeting of the annual Convention, and the same was laid over for final action to the next Convention.

Rev. Dr. Clap introduced the following motion:

Resolved, That the older and stronger parishes be, and hereby are, requested to relinquish their present share in the land fund of the Diocese, for the express purpose of supporting as many Missionaries as possible, to preach as itinerants among the weaker parishes.

Which resolution was laid on the table.

The Committee on Finance made report, recommending the following assessments to be made upon the several parishes of the Diocese, to meet the current expenses of the year, which was accepted by Convention, to wit:

Union Church, Montgomery, - - - -	\$3.00
Calvary Church, Berkshire, - - - -	3.00
Christ Church, Enosburgh, - - - -	2.00
Grace Church, Sheldon, - - - -	2.00
St. John's Church, Highgate, - - - -	5.00
Union Church, St. Albans, - - - -	10.00
Christ Church, Fairfax, - - - -	2.00
Trinity Church, Fairfield, - - - -	2.00
St. Paul's Church, Burlington, - - - -	10.00
Trinity Church, Shelburne, - - - -	4.00
St. Paul's Church, Vergennes, - - - -	5.00
St. Stephen's Church, Middlebury, - - - -	8.00
St. Thomas' Church, Brandon, - - - -	2.00
Trinity Church, Rutland, - - - -	8.00
St. John's Church, Poultney, - - - -	4.00
St. Paul's Church, Wells, - - - -	2.00
Zion Church, Manchester, - - - -	6.00
St. James' Church, Arlington, - - - -	8.00
St. Peter's Church, Bennington, - - - -	2.00
Christ Church, Guilford, - - - -	2.00
Immanuel Church, Bellows Falls, - - - -	8.00
St. Paul's Church, Windsor, - - - -	4.00
St. James' Church, Woodstock, - - - -	6.00
Christ Church, Bethel, - - - -	2.00
St. Paul's Church, Royalton, - - - -	2.00
Christ Church, Montpelier, - - - -	4.00
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	\$117.00

The Annual Report of the Treasurer of the Board Agents of the Society for the propagation of the Gospel Foreign parts, was then presented and read.

The Treasurer of the Convention then made his Annual Report, which, on motion, was accepted and adopted. The Treasurer also made report of the state of the funds placed in his hands for the relief of Aged and Infirm Clergymen, agreeably to a vote of the last Convention in this Diocese, which report was accepted and adopted. (See Appendix.)

The Parochial Reports for the current year, having been presented, the same were ordered to be printed as usual in the Journal, without being read before Convention.

On motion,

The following persons were appointed a Committee to take into consideration so much of the Bishop's Address as relates to the appointment of Deacons under the 6th Canon of the General Convention of 1844, and make report to the Convention; viz.

Rev. Mr. Wadleigh, George B. Shaw, and Amon Baily.

The Convention then adjourned till half-past 7 o'clock, of the same day.

HALF PAST 7 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The Rev. Mr. Wadleigh in behalf of the Committee appointed to take into consideration the subject of the 6th Canon of the General Convention of 1844, submitted the following report; viz.

The Committee to whom was referred that portion of the Bishop's Address in relation to the 6th Canon of the General Convention of 1844, having considered the subject, beg leave to recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Bishop of the Diocese be hereby requested to admit persons to the Holy Order of Deacon under the aforesaid Canon.

And, on motion, the said resolution was adopted.

The Rev. John A. Hicks, D. D., the Rev. Joel Clap, D. D., and R. G. Cole, Esq., were duly nominated Trustees of the General Theological Seminary.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Secretary be, and hereby is, directed to cause 600 copies of the Journal of Convention to be printed; and in addition to the provision made by the Canon upon the subject, to send six copies of the same to each Clergyman of the Diocese, by mail, unless otherwise instructed by the Clergyman himself.

The minutes of the proceedings of the Convention were then read and approved.

On motion,

Resolved, That after the customary religious services, this Convention shall be adjourned.

Whereupon, after the last four verses of the 99th selection from the Psalms in metre were sung with the Doxology, and the usual prayers and benediction by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

JOHN HENRY HOPKINS, D. D.,
President of the Convention.

Attest, GEORGE B. MANSER, *Secretary.*

APPENDIX I.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS,

ALPHABETICALLY ARRANGED, ACCORDING TO THE LOCALITY.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, ARLINGTON.

THE REV. FREDERICK AUGUSTUS WADLEIGH, RECTOR.

Families, (comprising adults, 160; children, 87, total 247,) 68;
Baptisms, (adult, 1, children, 2,) 3; Confirmed, 5; Marriages, 2;
Burials, 7; Communicants, (added anew, 5, died, 2,) present number,
95; Catechumens, 40.

Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	\$16.91
for aged and infirm Clergymen,	7.53
for general Missions, Domestic,	33.00
for general Missions, Foreign,	13.00
Receipts of the Ladies' Mite Society for benevolent purposes,	48.00
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	\$118.44

Public worship, on Sundays, twice, on every Friday throughout the year, once; also, on Ash Wednesday, Christmas, and the days appointed by the civil authority, one service.

The Holy Eucharist has been administered six times.

The children have been catechised until they have become familiar with the Church Catechism. In some instances small works explaining its contents have succeeded.

IMMANUEL CHURCH, BELLOWS FALLS.

THE REV. ALBIN K. PUTNAM, RECTOR.

Families, (comprising adults, 206, children, 123, total, 329,) 76;
Baptisms, (adults, 2, children, 7,) 9; Confirmed, 1; Marriages, 6;
Burials, 7; Communicants, (added anew, 2, removed into the parish,
4, removed from the parish, 1, suspended, 1, died, 5,) present number,
154; Catechumens, (boys, 37, girls, 53,) 90.

Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	\$30.39
for Diocesan Missions,	21.90
for the contingent fund of the Diocese,	8.00
for aged and infirm Clergymen, &c.	10.00
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	\$70.29

The children have been catechised according to the directions of the Rubric.

The Rector was assisted the last winter by the Rev. Isaac G. Hubbard, and, as his health continues to be infirm, he has made such an arrangement as he trusts will secure him assistance for the coming winter. The parish presents a more encouraging aspect in many respects, than at the date of the last report. But the Rector wishes he may live to see a much more earnest attention to spiritual things than is at present apparent.

As an example of the unity of the parish, and of the attention to the comfort of the minister, which has always been a characteristic, it may be mentioned that when it lost the possession of the house which has hitherto been occupied by the Rector, the parishioners promptly undertook the erection of a very neat and convenient parsonage, which will soon be completed. The ladies, as usual, have been forward in this good work. This heavy expenditure, however, must be our excuse for the poverty of our contributions to general objects.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BENNINGTON.

THE REV. CHARLES J. TODD, MINISTER.

Families, 35; Marriages, 2; Burials, 3; Communicants, (removed 1, added 4,) present number, 34; Sunday School Teachers, (male 4, female 5,) 9; Scholars, 40.

Contributions, alms at Communion,	\$5.00
for blinds to the Church windows,	50.00
for Sunday School Books,	12.40
for Diocesan Missions,	3.00
for other purposes,	6.00
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	\$76.40

Six communicants removed from the Parish previous to my taking charge of the Church in this place. My services commenced the 4th of Sept., 1846, and on account of continued sickness of my family from intermittent fever, contracted in Illinois, I shall soon be compelled to remove, when the church will again be vacant. I purpose to remove on the 3d of August.

**CALVARY CHURCH, EAST BERKSHIRE,
AND
UNION CHURCH, MONTGOMERY.**

THE REV. E. H. SAYLES, RECTOR.

Calvary Church, East Berkshire.

Families belonging to the parish, 36; Baptisms, (infants, 3, adults, 2,) 5; Burials, 4; Marriage, 1; Confirmed, 4; Catechumens, 40; Communicants, 67.

Contributions at Communion,	\$8.28
Contingent fund of the Diocese,	4.00
For other purposes,	185.50
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Public services, three on alternate Sundays, by the Rector, and on the other Sundays, two, conducted by the lay-reader. The third service is not held in the church, but in remote parts of the parish. The principal Fasts and Feasts of the Church are observed, and those appointed by the Governor. The Holy Communion is administered on the first Sunday of every other month in both parishes, and on such Festival seasons as are observed. Lay-reading and the Sunday School are regularly sustained when the Rector is absent, by zealous and efficient churchmen, who, in no instance for the last twenty years, have allowed their Church to remain locked upon the Holy Sabbath. A row of thirteen substantial sheds have been completed and paid for, which add very much, not only to the appearance of the Church yard, but to the convenience of Church-going. Upon the whole, the parish is gradually gaining in strength and influence.

Union Church, Montgomery.

Families, 38; Baptisms, (infants,) 3; Burial, 1; Marriage, 1; Confirmed, 1; Communicants, 76; Catechumens, about 20.

Contributions at Communion,	\$3.42
contingent fund of the Diocese,	4.00
for other purposes,	54.00
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Public worship, on alternate Sundays, morning and evening in the Church, and a third service at remote places. The remaining Sundays are occupied in lay-reading, and in no instance is the Holy Sabbath allowed to pass without the full and regular service and two sermons. The congregation is noted for firmness and regularity, for disregarding the common places of the seasons, and for their attachment to the

Church and Church principles. The Holy Communion is administered on the first or second Sunday of every other month, and on such Festival seasons as are observed. The Ladies of the parish, foremost in every good work, have purchased a carpet and two chairs for the Church, and a lectern was obtained by gift, all of which present a very neat and Church-like appearance. Union and harmony prevail, and throughout the past year nothing has occurred to mar or disturb the friendly intercourse between Rector and people.

CHRIST CHURCH, BETHEL,
AND
ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, ROYALTON.
REV. JOSIAH SWETT, MINISTER.

Christ Church, Bethel.

Baptisms, adults, 2; Confirmed, 8; Removed, 5; Added, 13; Communicants, present number, 51.

I officiated as Minister of Christ Church, for the first time, Sunday, July 11th. Since that time till the present, (Sept. 1st,) there has been preaching on each Sabbath, save one. I have attended two funerals of aged people, not communicants.

St. Paul's Church, Royalton.

Marriages, 2; Died, 1; Removed, 9; Added, 1; Present number of Communicants, 21.

I am to officiate in this Church, about one-fourth of the time; but have preached as yet, but on one Sabbath. The Church has been kept open for the last year, on all but two Sundays, chiefly by the zealous efforts of Dudley C. Denison, Esq., who has performed lay-reading.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, BRANDON.

REV. A. H. BAILEY, MINISTER.

Families, (comprising adults, 47, children, 33, total, 80,) 14; Baptisms, (children,) 2; Burials, (parishioners, 2, non-parishioner, 1,) 3; Communicants, (removed into the parish, 1,) present number, 21; Catechumens, (boys, 6, girls, 13,) 19; Members of the Bible class, 23. Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion, appropriated to

General Missions of the Church, Foreign,	\$2.00
Domestic,	7.50
Diocesan Missions,	3.01
Easter Collection, for relief of aged and infirm Clergymen, &c.,	4.70
Private Collection, towards the purchase of vessels for the Holy Communion,	6.00

\$25.21

Public services, regular, morning and evening every Sunday, except three Sundays when the minister was absent in other parishes, once in St. John's Church, Poultney, then vacant, and twice on exchanges with a view to the administration of the Holy Communion in this parish, which were intercepted by inclement weather. Four times, the evening sermon has been omitted in consequence of disturbance from meetings in the room below the Chapel. Once, the minister being disabled, and seven times, sermons of Divines approved in the Church, have been read. Occasional public services, on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day, Ash Wednesday, Wednesday of Passion Week, and Good Friday. The Holy Communion has been administered, by neighboring Presbyters, four times.

The above report is for the time since the last Convention, when my connection with the parish commenced. Previous to which, the parish was left vacant, by the resignation of the last Rector, Rev. S. B. Bostwick, for nearly six months. The diminution in the number of Communicants, from that reported in A. D. 1845, was caused by a death, and removals from the parish, which occurred during the vacancy. The like diminution in the number of families is owing to the same cause, and to the omission of such as have shown no interest in this Church since my connection with it.

The minister has found much encouragement in the generosity and kindness manifested to him by the parish, and especially in the excellent Christian spirit apparent in some of the members; while the continued "halting between two opinions" of some, and the prevailing indifference of others, have been felt to be not a little disheartening. May the Lord revive his work.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, BURLINGTON.

THE RT. REV. JOHN HENRY HOPKINS, D. D., RECTOR.

Families 73; adults, 149, children and youth 215; total 364; students at College and other transient persons 29; Baptisms, (adults 4, children 12) 16; Confirmed, 17; Marriages 5, of which two were belonging to the parish of Vergennes, then vacant; Burials 8; Communicants, removed 9, died 3, added by confirmation 17, by transfer from other places 16, irregular communicants 19, total number 180; Sunday scholars, boys 27, girls 43, total 70; superintendent and teachers 13.

Contributions, for alms at the Holy Communion,	\$83.59
General Missions, Foreign,	20.24
Domestic,	23.00
Diocesan Missions,	70.65
Contingent Fund,	10.00
Fund for aged and infirm clergymen, at Easter,	41.00

Public services, regular, morning and evening on each Lord's day, on the greater Festivals and Thanksgiving day, Morning Prayer throughout the season of Lent on Wednesdays and Fridays, and morning and evening service, with a sermon on every day in Passion week, except the last. The communion has been administered on the first Sunday of every month and on Easter day.

The parish is much increased in numbers since the last Convention, and, so far as the outward eye can judge, we have great cause for thankfulness and praise, although we are still far below the mark of thoroughly consistent and zealous christianity.

CHRIST CHURCH, ENOSBURGH.

REV. JOHN A. FITCH, RECTOR.

See Report of Grace Church, Sheldon, with which this Parish is connected.

TRINITY CHURCH, FAIRFIELD.

AND

CHRIST CHURCH, FAIRFAX.

THE REV. EDWARD F. PUTNAM, RECTOR.

Trinity Church, Fairfield.

Baptisms, (children, 3, adults, 2,) 5 ; Confirmed, 1 ; Marriages, 4 ;	
Burials, 3, besides one in an adjacent town, 4 ; Communicants, added	
anew, 2 ; Died, 2 ; Removed, 5 ; Present number, 66 ; Catechumens, 50.	
Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	\$8.29
for contingent fund,	3.00

Public services, regular, on Sundays and the principal Festivals and Fasts. Third services have been held monthly in remote parts of this and the associated parish.

Since the last Convention, the erection of a parsonage has been commenced, (though suspended at the present) upon a valuable lot conditionally given by Mrs. Deborah S. Barlow, of this village. It is to be hoped that the earnest wishes, thus indicated, of one of the oldest communicants, for the temporal as well as the spiritual welfare of this Church, will be also manifested by those who have succeeded in the place of zealous members now asleep in Jesus. But while recording the above, the Rector is compelled to bear mournful testimony concerning the lukewarm state of many members of the parish, induced, doubtless, by the influence of the popular doctrine, of Justification by mere intellectual Belief instead of "Faith working and purifying."

Were the doctrines of the Church cordially obeyed, and made the rule of living by her own members, we might with reason expect that

"our own God would give us his blessing;" but so long as the popular "via media" between Christ's Religion and the world is regarded with favor by those professing to renounce it, "by reason of them the way of truth shall be evil spoken of."

Christ Church, Fairfax.

Communicants, (removed into the parish, 1; removed from the parish, 1,) present number, 28; Bible class, 20.

Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	5.00
contingent fund,	2.00
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	\$7.00

Public services, regular, on Sundays alternately with Fairfield, and on Good Friday.

CHRIST CHURCH, GUILFORD.

THE REV. JOHN B. PRADT, RECTOR.

Families, (comprising adults, 118, children, 110, total, 228,) 42; Baptisms, 2 children; Confirmations, 2; Marriages, 4; Burials, 9; Communicants, (added, 6, died, 6, removed, 3,) present number, 61; Catechumens, (boys, 25, girls, 30,) 55.

Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	\$41.00
which have been appropriated as follows:	
for Irish Relief,	\$10.00
for General Missions, Domestic,	10.00
for Diocesan Missions,	2.00
for contingent Fund of the Diocese,	2.00
for relief of Parochial Poor,	3.58
for purchase of Sunday School Books,	6.39
for other purposes,	7.03
further collection for purchase of Sunday S. Books,	7.28
for other purposes,	5.00
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	\$53.28

The plan is preferred, of making all collections for charitable purposes, through the medium of the Alms received at the Communion, which during the past year, has been partially carried into effect.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, HIGHGATE.

THE REV. C. R. BATCHELDER, RECTOR.

As I have recently taken charge of the parish, and as there has been no record kept of deaths, removals and additions, during the time St. John's Church has been vacant, it will be impossible for me to make out a very accurate report in regard to its condition. There

are about thirty families connected with the congregation, and about forty communicants. I commenced my labors in this parish on the second Sunday of July. With the exception of three Sundays—two of which I was absent from the town, and the other I spent at Swanton Falls—I have officiated in the church twice each Sunday. Since I came here there has been one marriage, and two baptisms. And a partially successful effort has been made to form a Sunday school.

CALVARY CHURCH, JERICHO.

VACANT.

Families, (comprising adults, 25, children, 16, total, 41,) 11; Baptisms, (adults, 2, children, 4,) 6; Confirmed, 4; Communicants, added anew, 5, present number, 15; Catechumens, (boys 7, girls, 7,) 14.

Contributions, alms at Communion, about	\$1.75
Contingent fund,	2.00
For other purposes,	50.39

Lay reading is regularly sustained once every Sunday. The singing has been improved by the purchase of a Melodion, which is a fine addition to that delightful part of sacred worship, and on the whole the Church is gradually gaining strength and influence.

ZION CHURCH, MANCHESTER.

THE REV. HENRY BLACKALLER, RECTOR.

Families, (comprising adults, 106, children, 75, total, 181,) 38; Baptisms, (adult, 1, children, 3,) 4; Confirmed, 2; Marriage, 1; Burials, 5; Communicants, (added anew, 3, died, 2,) present number, 37; Catechumens, (boys, 25, girls, 32,) 57.

Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	\$15.36
for General Missions, Domestic,	10.00
for General Missions, Foreign,	6.00
for the contingent fund of the Diocese,	4.00
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	\$35.36

Public worship, on Sundays, regularly morning and afternoon, and frequently in the evening. On other days, the greater Festivals and Fasts, and on Fridays throughout Lent, and occasional lectures in different parts of the parish. The Holy Eucharist regularly once a month. The children have been catechised every Sunday in their biblical studies, and once a month in the Church Catechism.

There has been a gradual increase during the past year, in the

number of families and individuals that attend church. Much reliance however, cannot be placed on the permanency of those added.

The inducements which are frequently held out to our artisans and laborers to improve their circumstances by going elsewhere, make this class of our congregation usually fluctuating. Meanwhile they carry with them the Prayer Book, and some favorable impressions respecting our doctrines and usages, and generally leave behind them their former prejudices. In this way they imbibe a taste which puts them upon the inquiry after the Episcopal Church, at their next location. From the attempts which have been made by some in our church to give a Romish interpretation to our standard of faith and practice, occasion has been taken by the influential among other denominations to increase and confirm existing prejudices, and we have had, and still have in Manchester, to contend against them. We have found, however, that a mild and unobtrusive upholding of even the distinctive principles of the church, with preaching the truth in love, has secured the favor of a thinking community.

There is a contentious spirit abroad which the Editors of our religious journals, by their love of controversy, are apt to inflame, rather than by a holy enforcement of love and good works, endeavor to quench. The people in consequence come with little of the right preparation of heart to the house of God, and are, therefore, little profited. We have reason to bless God, however, for the degree of religious sensibility among us, for although so few comparatively are prepared for confirmation, some six or eight others are almost, if not altogether, persuaded to take up the cross and follow Christ. Oh! that the Lord would dispose more and more towards the attainment of everlasting salvation.

UNION CHURCH, MONTGOMERY.

THE REV. EDWARD F. PUTNAM, RECTOR.

See Calvary Church, East Berkshire.

CHRIST CHURCH, MONTPELIER.

THE REV. GEORGE B. MANSEY, RECTOR.

Average attendance on public worship, 160; Baptisms, (adults, 2, children, 6,) 8; Confirmed, 1; Marriages, 2; Burials, 3; Communicants, (added anew, 2, removed into the parish, 2, removed from the parish, 3, present number, 37; Catechumens, (boys, 10, girls, 30,) 40.

Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	\$59.54
for General Missions, Domestic,	5.00
Foreign,	5.00
for the contingent fund of the Diocese,	4.00
for other purposes, about	50.00
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	\$123.54

Public worship, on Sundays, regular, morning and evening. On other days, as the greater Festivals, divine service has been had. The Holy Eucharist is attended on the first Sunday of each month. The children have been catechised in the Sunday School by the Rector, who superintends.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, EAST POULTNEY,
AND
ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, WELLS.

THE REV. O. HOPSON, RECTOR.

I entered upon my present field of labor, the 5th Sunday after Easter. Ministerial services, according to present arrangements, to be equally divided between the two Parishes.

St. John's Church, East Poultney.

Families, (comprising adults, 93, children, 54, total, 147,) 38; Baptisms, (adult, 1, children, 2,) 3; Confirmed, 3; Burials, (parishioners, 2, non-parishioners, 1,) 3; Communicants, added by removal, 3, anew, 2, lost by removal, 2, by death, 1; present number, (including 10 residing in other towns, but who usually commune with us,) 61; Sunday School Teachers, 9, Scholars, 35.

Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	\$4.20
for Missions, Domestic,	10.11
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	\$14.31

St. Paul's Church, Wells.

Families, (comprising adults, 40, children, 33, total, 73,) 16; Baptisms, (adults, 3, children, 5,) 8; Confirmed, 5; Communicants, present number, 30; Sunday School Teachers, 10; Scholars, 40.

Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	\$2.47.
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Occasionally an expository Lecture has been given in church, at 5 o'clock, in addition to the usual services on Sunday.

Since my connection with these Parishes, I have spent much of my time among the people, in visiting from house to house, endeavoring to inculcate Gospel truths, and to impress upon the mind and heart of individuals, the importance of personal duties and the value of chris-

tian ordinances. And these labors, it is believed, have not been in vain, in the Lord. Though the present minister, in his path of duty, has not been exempted from the usual trials incident to his calling, yet has he found much to cheer his heart, and to animate him to still more vigorous efforts. While he has met with those, who, like Gallio, "cared for none of these things," he has been welcomed by others, who, following a better example, "received the Word with all readiness of mind, and searched the Scriptures daily whether these things were so."

Upon the whole, in view of the gradually increasing attendance upon the services of the sanctuary, the flourishing condition of the Sunday schools, the entire harmony apparent among the members, and the good degree of zeal manifested in sustaining the institutions and ministrations of the Gospel; the prospects of these Parishes, it is believed, may safely be reported as encouraging.

May the great Head of the Church still shed down upon these portions of his vineyard, the rich dews of his blessing, and to Him be given all the praise.

GRACE CHURCH, RANDOLPH.

VACANT.

The report of this Church is brief, and less promising than we could desire. There have been no regular services in the parish for a number of years. The ministers who have had charge of the parish at Bethel, have kept up a kind of supervision of this parish, and have held occasional services here. These, with the services held on occasion of the annual visitations of the Bishop, and the chance coming of some Church minister among us, are all the privileges of the kind which the parish has enjoyed for many years.

The consequence has been, that the number of communicants has somewhat decreased; but there still remain *thirty-five*, within the limits of the parish. We have no house of worship, but, under the providence of Almighty God, there seems to be a reasonable prospect that we may have one in a short time.

ISAAC F. REDFIELD, for the Vestry.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, ROYALTON.

THE REV. JOSIAH SWETT, MINISTER.

See Christ Church, Bethel.

TRINITY CHURCH, RUTLAND.

THE REV. JOHN A. HICKS, RECTOR.

Families, (comprising adults, 130, children, 70, total, 200,) 53; Baptisms, (adults, 2, children, 3,) 5; Confirmed, 5; Marriages, 6; Burial,

1; Communicants, (added anew, 5, removed from the parish, 5,) present number, 67; Catechumens, (boys, 10, girls, 20,) 30.

Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	\$26.00
for Diocesan Missions,	6.00
for General Missions, Domestic,	10.00
Foreign,	13.30
for the contingent fund of the Diocese,	8.00
for Ireland, \$25.00, Easter fund, \$5.00,	30.00
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	\$93.30

Public worship, on Sundays, twice daily. On other days, principal Feasts and Fasts. The Holy Eucharist monthly. The children have been catechised in Lent according to the Canon.

TRINITY CHURCH, SHELBURNE.

THE REV. CHARLES CLEVELAND, RECTOR.

Families, uncertain; Baptisms, (adults, 6, children, 3,) 9; Confirmations, 3; Marriages, 1; Burials, 2; Communicants, (added anew, 1, removed from the parish, 5, died, 1,) present number, 36; Catechumens, about 15.

Contributions, for contingent fund,	\$4.00
for other purposes,	40.00
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	\$44.00

Public services, as usual. Administration of the Holy Communion, once in each month.

While our temporal condition is far from prosperous, we are cheered with such tokens of spiritual prosperity, as to gladden all our hearts.

GRACE CHURCH, SHELDON,

AND

CHRIST CHURCH, ENOSBURGH.

THE REV. JOHN A. FITCH, RECTOR.

Grace Church, Sheldon.

Baptisms, (adults, 1, infants, 2,) 3; Confirmed, 1; Marriages, 3; Burials, 4; Communicants, about 70; Catechumens, 30.

Contributions, for Foreign and Domestic Missions,	\$15.50
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This being an earlier date than our reports are usually made, the collections for Diocesan Missions, and for the contingent fund of the Diocese, cannot be reported.

The difficulties and embarrassments under which this parish is laboring, are neither few nor small. Whether it will ultimately come forth in strength, and be a praise among the churches, is known only to Him who is head over all things to his Church. Laboring earnest.

ly for this blessed result, we are in faith to leave our cause with him who can make light to shine out of darkness, and cause all things to work together for good to his people.

Services have been held regularly twice every other Sabbath since my return from the last Convention, with three exceptions. Once, I was out of the Diocese; once, I was called to bury a child of a parishioner in Enosburgh, and once, after morning service in the Church, I went out of the parish to attend a funeral. Services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. I had an appointment for services on Thanksgiving, but in consequence of a very severe storm, there was no attendance. I have held a third service a part of the year a few miles from the Church. In the course of the year, I have made more than two hundred Parochial visits, at more than one hundred of which prayers have been had. I have likewise distributed a large number of Tracts.

Christ Church, Enosburgh.

Baptisms, (adults, 1, infants, 3,) 4; Confirmed, 1; Burials, (adults, 1, infant, 1,) 2; Communicants, added 1, removed from the parish, 4, died, 1.

Contributions, for Foreign and Domestic Missions,	\$2.50
for the fund for infirm Clergymen,	7.50
for contingent fund of the Diocese,	2.00
for Diocesan Missions,	2.00
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	\$14.00

Services in the Church twice on every other Sabbath, with one or two exceptions. A third service has been held a part of the year at the centre of the town. Services in the Church on Good Friday. In the course of the year, the Rector has made about two hundred parochial visits, at about one hundred and twenty-five of which prayers have been had. Tracts have been liberally distributed, and Prayer Books where needed or desired.

Although this parish is weak, still its prospects, on the whole, may be considered encouraging. Few Churches are blessed with more worthy communicants, or those who are more ready to contribute of their substance for the advancement of the cause of truth. Our services are very well attended.

UNION CHURCH, ST. ALBANS.

THE REV. JOSIAH PERRY, RECTOR.

Families, (comprising adults, 145, children, 93, other persons, 23, total, 261,) 44; Baptisms, (adults, 2, children, 2,) 4; Confirmed, 3;

Marriages, 2; Burials, 8; Communicants, (added anew, 2, removed into the parish, 2, removed from the parish, 5, died, 2,) present number, 108.

Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	\$39.61
for Diocesan Missions,	24.61
for General Missions, Domestic,	14.00
for indigent Clergymen and families,	8.00
for Sunday School, \$9.08, Poor Box, \$7.00,	16.08
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	\$102.30

Public worship, on Sundays, morning and evening. On other days, Morning Prayer and Litany on all Wednesdays and Fridays, and Morning Prayer each day in Lent. The Holy Eucharist the first Sunday in every month, on each Sunday in Lent, on all Festivals, and often in private to the sick. The Daily Communion, and Daily Evening Prayer and Sermon, during Passion Week, and Morning Service and Communion on Easter Monday and Tuesday, and Monday and Tuesday in Whitsun-Week, were reluctantly omitted on account of the Rector's impaired health.

The experience of more than a year having convinced me that the chanting of the responses to the commandments, in the Communion service, and of the Psalter at Evening Prayer, (which had been the practice in this parish) was inexpedient, it was discontinued at the beginning of the present year. It is undoubtedly desirable to render the animated devotion of the Psalms common to the whole worshipping assembly. A nearer approach to this will be made, when all join devoutly, and each hears his own voice, pronouncing the language of penitence, of supplication, and praise, than when the exercise is restricted to the choir, and the few who commonly unite with them. This remark applies with still greater force to the offering up of the Kyrie Eleison. In other respects, the usages of the parish continue the same as in former years, and its general condition is not materially changed.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, VERGENNES.

THE REV. FOSTER THAYER, RECTOR.

I assumed the charge of this Church the last of June, and, therefore, can present no definite statement in regard to its condition and circumstances. I can only remark, that the few weeks I have been here, I have witnessed a steady increase in the number of attendants, and a strong desire on the part of Christians for the growth and prosperity of the Church. Our Sunday School is in operation, and the Church is opened for evening prayers every Wednesday.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, WELLS.**THE REV. O. HOPSON, RECTOR.****See St. John's Church, Poultney.****ST. JAMES' CHURCH, WOODSTOCK.****THE REV. JOEL CLAP, D. D., RECTOR.**

Marriages, 5 ; Funerals, 6 ; Baptism, infant, 1 ; Communicant, died 1, removed 3, added 1, present number 55.

Contributions, offertory at the Holy Communion, \$30.79

Appropriated as follows :

For Diocesan Missions,	\$17.00
Domestic Missions,	3.79
Aged and infirm Clergymen,	4.00
Contingent fund of the Diocese,	6.00

\$30.79

Public worship, on Sundays, morning and evening prayer, on other days, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Ash Wednesday, Thanksgiving, and morning prayer at an early hour, every day in Passion week. The Holy Eucharist has been administered thirteen times.

APPENDIX II.

LIST OF THE CLERGY

In the Diocese of Vermont, with the Parishes under their charge.

The Rt. Rev. JOHN HENRY HOPKINS, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, and Rector of St. Paul's Church, Burlington.

PRESBYTERS.

- The Rev. ALBERT H. BAILEY, Rector of St. Thomas' Church, Brandon.
The Rev. C. R. BATCHELDER, Minister of St. John's Church, Highgate.
The Rev. HENRY BLACKALLER, Rector of Zion Church, Manchester.
The Rev. JOEL CLAP, D. D., Rector of St. James' Church, Woodstock.
The Rev. CHARLES CLEVELAND, Rector of Trinity Church, Shelburne.
The Rev. JOHN A. FITCH, Rector of Grace Church, Sheldon, and Christ Church, Enosburgh.
The Rev. JOHN A. HICKS, D. D., Rector of Trinity Church, Rutland.
The Rev. O. HOPSON, Rector of St. John's Church, Poultney, and St. Paul's Church, Wells.
The Rev. GEORGE B. MANSEY, Rector of Christ Church, Montpelier.
The Rev. LOUIS M'DONALD.
The Rev. JOSIAH PERRY.
The Rev. JOSEPH F. PHILLIPS.
The Rev. JOHN B. PRADT, Rector of Christ Church, Guilford.
The Rev. ALBIN K. PUTNAM, Rector of Immanuel Church, Bellows Falls.
The Rev. EDWARD F. PUTNAM, Rector of Trinity Church, Fairfield, and Christ Church, Fairfax.
The Rev. EZEKIEL H. SAYLES, Rector of Union Church, Montgomery, and Calvary Church, Berkshire.
The Rev. JOSIAH SWETT, Rector of Christ Church, Bethel, and St. Paul's Church, Royalton.
The Rev. FOSTER THAYER, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Vergennes.
The Rev. FREDERICK A. WADLEIGH, Rector of St. James' Church, Arlington.

DEACONS.

- Rev. THORNTON W. CLAPP.
The Rev. ZADOCK THOMPSON, residing at Burlington.

APPENDIX III.

LIST OF THE PARISHES

In the Diocese of Vermont, with their Rectors or Ministers.

PARISHES.	RECTORS.
ST. JAMES, Arlington,	Rev. FRED'K A. WADLEIGH.
IMMANUEL, Bellows Falls,	Rev. A. K. PUTNAM.
ST. PETER's, Bennington,	Vacant.
CALVARY, Berkshire,	Rev. E. H. SAYLES.
CHRIST, Bethel,	Rev. JOSIAH SWETT.
ST. THOMAS', Brandon,	Rev. A. BAILEY.
ST. PAUL's, Burlington,	Rt. Rev. J. H. HOPKINS, D.D.
CHRIST, Enosburgh,	Rev. J. A. FITCH.
CHRIST, Fairfax,	Rev. E. F. PUTNAM.
TRINITY, Fairfield,	Rev. E. F. PUTNAM.
CHRIST, Guilford,	Rev. JOHN A. PRADT.
ST. JOHN's, Highgate,	Rev. C. R. BATCHELDER.
CALVARY, Jericho,	
ZION, Manchester,	Rev. H. BLACKALLER.
ST. STEPHEN's, Middlebury,	Vacant.
UNION, Montgomery,	Rev. E. H. SAYLES.
CHRIST, Montpelier,	Rev. GEORGE B. MANSER.
ST. JOHN's, Poultney,	Rev. O. HOPSON.
GRACE, Randolph,	
ST. ANDREW's, Rochester,	
ST. PAUL's, Royalton,	Rev. JOSIAH SWETT.
TRINITY, Rutland,	Rev. JOHN A. HICKS, D. D.
TRINITY, Shelburne,	Rev. CHARLES CLEVELAND.
GRACE, Sheldon,	Rev. J. A. FITCH.
UNION, Springfield,	
UNION, St. Albans.	Vacant.
ST. STEVEN's, Tinmouth,	
ST. PAUL's, Wells,	Rev. O. HOPSON.
ST. PAUL's, Windsor,	Vacant.
ST. JAMES', Woodstock,	Rev. JOEL CLAP, D. D.
ST. PAUL's, Vergennes,	Rev. FOSTER THAYER.

APPENDIX IV.

MISSIONS.

At a meeting of the Missionary Committee held at St. Paul's Church, Burlington, September, 15th 1847, the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the diocese in the chair,

On motion, *Resolved*, That the sum of ten dollars be appropriated to St. James' Church, Castleton, for services rendered by Rev. Jas. Stevenson in the year, 1845.

On motion, *Resolved*, That Swanton and Irasburgh be stricken from the list of Missionary stations.

On Motion, *Resolved*, That Wells and Jericho be added to the list of Missionary stations.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the sum of eighteen dollars be appropriated to Christ Church, Enosburgh, for services rendered by Rev. John A. Fitch, from April 1, to September 15, 1846.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the sum of thirty dollars be paid in semi-annual payments, by the treasurer, to the Clergyman of each Parish now recognized as a missionary station.

Present List of Missionary Stations: Guilford, Shelburne, Brandon, Bethel, Enosburgh, Woodstock, Wells, Jericho.

G. B. MANSEY,

Secretary of the Missionary Committee.

APPENDIX V.

RELIEF OF AGED AND INFIRM CLERGYMEN, &c.

Resolutions adopted at the Convention of 1846.

Resolved, That upon Easter day in each year a contribution be made by every Church in the Diocese, to be placed in the hands of the Treasurer, and applied at the discretion of the Bishop and the Standing Committee, for the relief of Aged and Infirm Clergymen in this Diocese who may be destitute of the means of an adequate and comfortable support, and also for the relief of such Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen who have labored and died in this Diocese, as are destitute and need assistance.

Resolved, That if, in the judgment of the Bishop and the Standing Committee, the contributions shall amount to more in any year than the necessities for that year require, the overplus shall be safely invested by them, as a fund for the relief of Aged and Infirm Clergymen, and the Widows and Orphans of Clergymen in the Diocese of Vermont.

APPENDIX VI.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

DIOCESE OF VERMONT *in account with* N. PARKER, *Treasurer.*

Dr.

[Contingent Fund.]

Sept. 1846. To cash as per last report on hand, - - - \$60.28

To cash received from the following parishes, on
contingent fund, viz:

Enosburgh, - - -	\$2.00	Arlington, (three years,) - - -	24.00
Sheldon, - - -	2.00	Guilford, - - -	2.00
St. Albans, - - -	10.00	Bellows Falls, - - -	8.00
Burlington, - - -	10.00	Woodstock, - - -	6.00
Shelburne, - - -	4.00	Bethel, - - -	2.00
Middlebury, - - -	3.00	Royalton, - - -	2.00
Rutland, - - -	8.00	Montpelier, - - -	4.00
Poultney, - - -	4.00	Manchester, - - -	6.00
			<u>97.00</u>

\$157.28

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Sept. 1846. By amount paid Rev. A. K. Putnam, account for
printing Blanks, &c. - - - \$6.38

Nov. " By amount paid Rev. A. K. Putnam, for printing
Journals, - - - 62.16

By balance in Treasurer's hands, - - - 88.74

\$157.28

Dr.

[Fund for the relief of aged and infirm Clergymen.]

1847. To amount received for the relief of Aged and Infirm Clergymen
in this Diocese, under resolution of last Convention, viz.

St. Stephen's Ch., Middlebury, \$8.66	St. Paul's Church, Burlington, 19.62
St. Thomas' Church, Brandon, 4.70	Trinity Church, Shelburne, 5.00
Trinity Church, Rutland, 5.00	St. James' Church, Arlington, 7.78
Union Church, St. Albans, 8.00	Immanuel Church, Bellows Falls, 10.00
St. James' Church, Woodstock, 4.00	
	<u>\$72.76</u>

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1847. By amount appropriated, viz.

To Rev. Mr. McDonald, - - - \$50.00

By incidental expenses, - - - .50

By balance on hand, - - - 22.26

\$72.76

NAHUM PARKER,

Treasurer of the Diocese of Vermont.

APPENDIX VII.

OFFICERS OF THE CONVENTION.

The Rt. Rev. JOHN H. HOPKINS, D. D., *PRESIDENT, ex officio.*
Rev. GEORGE B. MANSEY, *Secretary,* Montpelier.
NAHUM PARKER, Esq. *Treasurer,* Middlebury.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

Rev. JOHN A. HICKS, D. D.
Rev. JOEL CLAP, D. D.
Rev. GEORGE B. MANSEY,
Rev. CHARLES CLEVELAND,
Rev. E. H. SAYLES.

CLERICAL DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

Rev. JOEL CLAP, D. D.
Rev. JOHN A. HICKS, D. D.
Rev. GEORGE B. MANSEY,
Rev. ALBIN K. PUTNAM.

LAY DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

Messrs. CHARLES K. WILLIAMS,
ISAAC F. REDFIELD,
GEORGE B. SHAW,
A. O. ALDIS.

MISSIONARY COMMITTEE.

The Rt. Rev. BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE, *Chairman, ex officio,*
The STANDING COMMITTEE,
and the following Lay Gentlemen—
Messrs. NAHUM PARKER,
R. G. COLE,
ROLLIN EATON.

TRUSTEES OF THE GENERAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Rev. JOHN A. HICKS, D. D.
Rev. JOEL CLAP, D. D.
R. G. COLE, Esq.

NOTICE.

THE next annual Convention of this Diocese will be held in ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, EAST POULTNEY, on the third Wednesday of September, 1848.

GEORGE B. MANER.

Secretary.

FORM OF CERTIFICATE FOR LAY-DELEGATES.

I hereby certify, that, at a meeting of the Vestry of ——— Church, ———, holden as the Canon directs, on Easter Monday, in the year of our Lord ———, A. R. and C. D. &c. Members of the Vestry, were duly elected Delegates to represent the said Parish in the ensuing convention of the Diocese.

N ——— M ———

Secretary of the Vestry.

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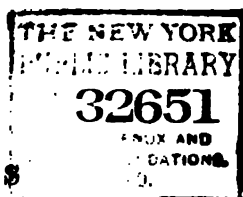
Diocese of Vermont.

IFTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVENTION.

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OF THE
FIFTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVENTION,
OF THE
PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
IN THE
Diocese of Vermont:

**BEING THE SIXTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION SINCE THE FULL
ORGANIZATION OF THE DIOCESE:**

HELD IN
ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, EAST POULTNEY,
ON THE
TWENTIETH OF SEPTEMBER,
1848.

BURLINGTON :
CHAUNCEY GOODRICH.
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JOURNAL.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, EAST POULTNEY, }
September 20th, 1848. }

THIS being the day appointed for the meeting of the Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Vermont, the Bishop, Clergy, and Lay Delegates, assembled in St. John's Church, East Poultney, and at nine o'clock, A. M., the Convention was called to order by the Rt. Rev. Bishop of the Diocese, who took the Chair, *ex officio* ; the Rev. Geo. B. Manser, being Secretary.

On calling the list of the Clergy entitled to seats in the Convention, and of the Parishes entitled to representation therein, a quorum of both Clergy and Laity was found to be present, and the Convention was duly organized.

The Clergy present were

The Rt. Rev. JOHN HENRY HOPKINS, D. D.,
The Rev. Henry Blackaller, The Rev. Joel Clap, D. D.,
" John A. Fitch, " John A. Hicks, D. D.,
" Oliver Hopson, " Geo. B. Manser,
" John B. Pradt, " Ezekiel H. Sayles,
" Josiah Swett, " Foster Thayer, ,
" Fred. A. Wadleigh.

The Lay Delegates present were as follows :

St. Thomas' Church Brandon : Edward Sherman.

Zion Church, Manchester : John C. Roberts.

St. James' Church, Woodstock : George R. Chapman.

St. Johns' Church, East Poultney : Amon Bailey, Rollin Marshall.

Christ Church, Guilford : Samuel Houghton, jr.

Immanuel Church, Bellows Falls : William K. Church.

Grace Church, Randolph : Isaac F. Redfield.

St. James' Church, Arlington : Sylvester Deming.

St. Stephen's Church, Middlebury : Ozias Seymour, Nahum Parker.

On motion,

Resolved, That Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church, not canonically entitled to seats in this Convention, all Clergymen of the Church of England, and all Candidates for Holy Orders in this Church, who may be present, be, and hereby are, invited to attend the sittings of this Convention.

The Rev. Messrs. John T. Sabine of the diocese of Massachusetts, S. Jewett of the diocese of Connecticut, Moore Bingham of the diocese of New York, and M. A. Herrick of this diocese, were present, and took seats in the Convention under the above resolution.

The Convention then proceeded to the choice of Secretary, and the Rev. Geo. B. Manser was duly elected.

On proceeding to the choice of Treasurer, Nahum Parker, Esq., was unanimously re-elected.

On motion, the Convention took a recess for the purpose of attending Divine Service.

Morning prayer was said by the Rev. Joel Clap, D. D., assisted in the reading of the lessons by the Rev. Josiah Swett. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Frederick A. Wadleigh: after which the Holy Communion was administered by the Rev. Dr. Clap, (the Bishop being absent on account of sudden indisposition) assisted by the Rev. Mr. Swett.

After Divine Service, the Convention was called to order,

by the Rev. Joel Clap, D. D., President of the Standing Committee, and adjourned till 3 o'clock, P. M.

3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Convention then re-assembled pursuant to adjournment, the Rt. Rev. the Bishop (being sufficiently recovered) in the Chair.

The Rev. Albert H. Bailey, who was not present in the morning, appeared and took his seat in Convention.

The following Lay Delegates, not present in the morning, appeared and took their seats in the Convention :

From *St. Paul's Church, Wells* : David B. Lewis, Almon Hopson.

St. Peter's Church, Bennington : Buckley Squires.

St. Paul's Church, Burlington : Doct. William Atwater.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop of the diocese then delivered his annual

ADDRESS.

BELoved BRETHREN :

The mercy of Divine Providence again allows us to meet together in the annual Convention of the Diocese, and communicate the transactions of the past year, and consult for the future interests of the Church committed to our care by our gracious Redeemer. I proceed to discharge the duty required by the Canon, in laying before you the record of my own official acts, to which I shall have little to add, by way of suggestion.

Soon after the adjournment of our last Convention, viz. : on Sunday, September 20th, 1847, I visited Trinity Church, Shelburne, by special request, preached, and confirmed four persons ; the Rector, Rev. Charles Cleveland, assisting in the services.

The Parish of Union Church, St. Albans, being vacant, requested me to officiate for them several times during their destitute condition. Accordingly, on Sunday, December 12th,

I officiated there twice, and again on Monday evening, and baptized two children. On Sunday, January 16th, 1848, I also officiated, administered the Holy Communion, and baptized two children. The congregations were large throughout, and an excellent spirit was manifested by the people.

February 23d and 24th, I visited Alburgh by request, preached each day, and administered the Eucharist. The Rev. Mr. Townsend, of Lower Canada, kindly attended, and assisted in the services, and the congregations were good, and appeared much interested.

April 21st, being the evening of Good Friday, I confirmed fifteen persons in St. Paul's Church, Burlington.

Sunday, the 21st of May, and the following Sunday, the 28th of May, I officiated by request at Union Church, St. Albans, preached, administered the Communion, and attended the funeral of an aged communicant, the mother of Rev. Mr. Spooner of the diocese of New York.

Thursday, July 6th, I made my regular visitation to the same parish, preached, and confirmed two persons. I am thankful to add that this important Church has at length become supplied, by an engagement with the Rev. Mr. Fay, and I trust that, after their peculiar trials and difficulties, the blessing of God will grant them a long period of prosperity.

Friday, July 7th, I visited Trinity Church, Fairfield, preached, and confirmed one person, Rev. W. Fitch, of Sheldon, assisting in the services. In the afternoon of the same day, I visited Christ Church, Fairfax, and preached in the school-house at Buck-hollow. Both these parishes, I am sorry to say, are vacant.

July 9th, the 3d Sunday after Trinity, I preached in the morning at Calvary Church, Berkshire, and in the afternoon at Union Church, Montgomery, being assisted in the services by the Rector, Rev. Mr. Sayles. Another service being desired, I preached a third time in the evening. The congregations throughout were large and attentive.

July 10th, Monday, I visited Christ Church, Enosburgh, preached, and confirmed one person, the Rector, Rev. W. Fitch, assisting.

July 11th, Tuesday, I preached at Grace Church, Sheldon, which is also under the charge of Rev. Mr. Fitch, and had reason to believe that the zeal of the congregation would not allow them to postpone, much longer, the erection of a new Church, to take the place of their present old and dilapidated building.

Wednesday, July 12th, I visited St. John's Church, Highgate, where I preached, and confirmed five persons, being assisted in the services by the Rector, Rev. C. R. Batchelder.

I had appropriated the two following days to a visit at Swanton Falls and Alburgh, but the notices were not given, on account of circumstances which rendered it, in the opinion of our friends in those places, inexpedient to appoint service at that time, and therefore they preferred to have it postponed to the winter season.

Monday, July 17th, I visited St. Paul's Church, Vergennes, and preached to a good congregation in the evening, the Rector, Rev. F. Thayer, assisting in the services.

Tuesday, July 18th, I preached at St. Stephen's Church, Middlebury, and also on the two following evenings. Three children were baptized, and I was assisted in the services by Rev. Mr. Maury, of the diocese of Kentucky, on two of the occasions, and by Rev. Geo. B. Manser, of Montpelier, on the other. This valuable parish is still vacant, but the vestry hope soon to obtain a supply.

During the three days passed in Middlebury, the Board of Land Agents held their annual meeting, having previously assembled in February for the purpose of making the arrangements necessary, in consequence of the additional agents appointed by the parent Society. The business was all transacted with entire harmony, and the present state of that important trust is highly satisfactory.

Friday, July 21st, I visited St. Thomas' Church, Brandon,

where I preached in the afternoon, the Rev. Mr. Matur kindly accompanied me, and, at the request of Rev. Mr. Bailey, the Rector, assisted in the services.

July 23d, the 5th Sunday after Trinity, I visited Trinity Church, Rutland, preached twice, and confirmed four persons, the Rector, Rev. Dr. Hicks, assisting. After the second service, I confirmed a young lady who had long been confined to the house, and was a great sufferer. The room was filled with her afflicted relatives and friends, and I united the service for the visitation of the sick with the office of confirmation, being assisted by the Rector. The occasion was marked with great feeling and solemnity.

August 12th, being the 10th Sunday after Trinity, I visited Trinity Church, Shelburne, in the afternoon, and preached to a good congregation, the Rector, Rev. Charles Cleveland, assisting. I have since received from him a letter stating that on account of the delicate state of his wife's health, he will be obliged to seek a change of climate, so that the Parish which he has served faithfully for several years will soon, I fear, be added to the list of vacancies.

I resumed my visitation on Wednesday, September 6th, at Montpelier, where I preached, and confirmed two persons, the Rev. George B. Manser assisting.

The following day, Thursday, Sept. 7th, I visited Grace Church, Randolph, where I was much gratified to find their new edifice advanced so far towards completion. I preached in the Congregational House of Worship to an attentive audience, and was assisted in the service by Rev. Mr. Swett, the Rector of Bethel, with whom I travelled the same evening to his house.

Friday, September 8th, I preached twice in Christ Church, Bethel, and confirmed six persons. The congregations were good, and very attentive. The Rector assisted in the Morning Service, and Rev. Mr. Sabine of Boston in the service of the afternoon.

Saturday, September 9th, Rev. Mr. Swett conveyed me

to St. Paul's Church, Royalton, which is under his ministerial charge, where I preached to a small but serious congregation in the forenoon, and proceeded in the evening to Woodstock, in order to be in readiness for the duties of the Sabbath day.

September 10th, being the 12th Sunday after Trinity, I preached three times at St. James' Church, Woodstock, the Rector, Rev. Mr. Herrick, assisting in the services. One lady was confirmed.

September 11th, Monday, I visited St. Paul's Church, Windsor, and officiated in the evening to a respectable congregation. This important Parish is still vacant, but the zeal of the people is aroused, and there is good reason to hope that, as soon as they can obtain the services of a suitable minister, they will be able to go forward with prosperity and success.

September 12th, Tuesday, the order of my appointments brought me to Immanuel Church, Bellows Falls. Soon after our last Convention in September, 1847, the then Rector of this Parish, Rev. Albin K. Putnam, declined being a candidate for re-election as our Secretary, on account of his feeble health. Desirous, however, to consult again a distinguished physician in New York, from whose treatment he had formerly received much benefit, he accepted the office of delegate to the General Convention, and took his seat for a short time as a member of that body. But no human skill could long postpone the event. He returned to his Parish, and in a few months, notwithstanding the care and watchfulness of his attached family and affectionate flock, he was called away to a better world. He died as the minister of Christ should die,—in faith and firm assurance, and entire resignation to the will of God, who saw fit, in his mysterious but unerring Providence, to cut short his labours at an early age, when he might have looked forward to a long course of usefulness. Few men have been more beloved and regretted by their friends, and few

have better deserved the esteem and affection bestowed upon them.

To supply the vacancy occasioned by the death of Rev. Mr. Putnam, the Parish called the Rev. Dr. Clap, of Woodstock, and I cordially assented to the transfer of his ministerial relations, which had been consummated several months before my visitation. Being conveyed to the village by the kindness of one of the vestry of Windsor, I preached in the afternoon to an attentive congregation, and confirmed three persons in Church, the Rector assisting. I afterwards accompanied him to the houses of two ladies who had been for years confined by sickness, and administered confirmation to them both, in the presence of their relatives and friends. Under all the circumstances, my visit was one of peculiar interest, and I was especially gratified to find that the zeal of the Parish had accomplished the erection of a tasteful and commodious parsonage, one of the most important aids to the comfort and stability of the pastoral relation.

September 13th, Wednesday, I proceeded to Christ Church, Guilford, and preached to a good congregation, the Rector, Rev. Mr. Pradt, assisting. The confirmations were seven, and the condition of the Parish appeared to be prosperous. I was particularly pleased to learn that here also they had raised some funds for a parsonage, which they hope to build in the course of another year.

September 14th, Thursday, I crossed the mountain to St. Peter's Church, Bennington, where I officiated to a good congregation on the following day. This important Parish is still vacant, but expects to be supplied soon.

September 17th, being the 13th Sunday after Trinity, I visited St. James' Church, Arlington, preached to a large congregation, and confirmed seven persons, the Rector, Rev. Mr. Wadleigh, assisting. In the afternoon I proceeded to Zion Church, Factory Point, where I preached again to a full house of serious and attentive hearers. One person was—

confirmed, and the Rector, Rev. Mr. Blackaller, assisted in the services. Here, too, was a mark of progress since my last visit, in the addition of an excellent organ, which aided not a little in the music of the Church.

September 18th, Monday, Rev. Mr. Blackaller conveyed me to St. Paul's Church, Wells, where I preached, and confirmed two persons. At the request of the Rector, Rev. Mr. Hopson, the Rev. Mr. Blackaller assisted me in the services, and we proceeded in the evening to St. John's Church, Poukney. In the morning of the next day, Tuesday, I preached to an excellent congregation, and confirmed three persons, assisted by Rev. Mr. Blackaller and the Rector, Rev. Mr. Hopson. And many improvements bore testimony to the zeal and activity of the Parish, since their present minister has taken up his residence amongst them.

This closed my visitation for the current year, although some places were omitted at which I have officiated formerly. Thus Tinmouth and Castleton have been passed over, not because there was any lack of time or inclination on my part, but because there was no appointment supposed to be advisable. In cases such as these, where there is no house of worship and no settled minister, I can only commit the question of my visit to the discretion of some one amongst the nearest clergymen. Accordingly, for some years past, I have allotted time enough for both these places, and have left the propriety of making the appointment to the judgment of Rev. Dr. Hicks of Rutland. I am glad to learn, since my arrival here, that our friends at Tinmouth have had the benefit of ministerial services from Rev. Mr. Bingham of Hampton, and I trust that the time may be at hand when that and some other parts of the diocese may be able, by the Divine blessing, to take such a stand as shall claim a regular course of yearly visitation.

The number of confirmations is only sixty-six, so that

in this respect it has been one of the least productive seasons that I have yet seen during my 16 years' episcopate. No less than twelve of the Parishes which I visited were without any candidates for this important ordinance, although, on many accounts, the general state of the diocese may be truly said to be encouraging and hopeful.

On the 29th of October, 1847, I received the application of Mr. Stephen Chipman Thrall as a candidate for Holy Orders, and he is now pursuing his studies in the General Theological Seminary. And another candidate has since applied, whose case has not yet been acted upon by the Standing Committee.

The ministerial changes of the past year have been the following. Dr. Clap resigned his parish at Woodstock, and accepted the call of Emanuel Church, Bellows Falls. The Rev. Josiah F. Phillips was dismissed at his own request to the diocese of New Jersey, and the Rev. Edward F. Putnam to the diocese of New Hampshire. The lamented death of Rev. Albin K. Putnam, added to these two last mentioned, makes a total of three names to be stricken from the ministerial list of the diocese. On the other hand, the Rev. Mr. Herrick has been received from the diocese of New Hampshire, and the Rev. Mr. Fay from the diocese of Louisiana, leaving the present number of our clergy, including the Bishop, twenty one.

The list of vacant Churches is painfully large. Fairfield and Fairfax, Middlebury, Windsor and Bennington, are all without ministers. And there is nothing connected with my official duty which I find so embarrassing as the difficulty of obtaining a supply. I am satisfied, however, that this difficulty might be easily removed, if the wardens of every vacant church would send a statement of their case to some of our numerous Church Periodicals, describing, in a few words, the condition and ability of their parish, and keeping the advertisement before the eye of the clergy.

week after week, until they succeeded. In this way, which is the usual mode of diffusing information on all other subjects, not only would vacancies be more likely to be soon supplied, but our periodicals would be more practically useful than they have ever been, in diffusing this most important kind of ecclesiastical intelligence. And I make the suggestion in perfect confidence that the practice which I recommend, if once adopted generally, would have the best effect in lessening a great and growing evil.

With regard to our own diocese, I have no doubt that we suffer some disadvantage from our geographical position. Being at one of the extremes of the Union, where there is nothing to attract the course of clerical travel, the circumstances of our parishes are but little known beyond their immediate vicinity. We have never applied for aid from the funds raised for the Domestic Missionary department, and therefore we lose the benefits of the information which that might afford. We have no diocesan intelligencer from which clergymen could learn our wants with regularity. And our duties confine us to our own bounds, so as to render it impossible, without leaving our parishes destitute, to be frequent visitors at the meetings of the more populous dioceses, where we might freely communicate our condition to our brethren. A minister desirous of changing his location, finds it easier, both in respect of time and money, to pass from Boston to Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Maryland, than to visit Vermont. And if there were no other difference than this, it would be sufficient to account for the fact, that our vacancies are harder to supply, and remain open longer than those of many other dioceses.

I was forcibly impressed by these ideas during the past winter, when I sent a short communication to two of our periodicals in relation to the vacancy of St. Albans. To my great surprize I received, in a few weeks, no less than eleven applications from brethren of various dioceses,

clearly proving that there was no want of good feeling towards Vermont, when the proper information was diffused amongst the clergy. And this was the result of but one publication.

The great roads now in progress, and to be completed in another year or two, will be likely to have a very favorable effect on this particular difficulty, and meanwhile I would specially advise the wardens of every vacant parish, to advertise for a clergyman in our church-papers, signing their own names as the persons to be addressed upon the subject. I am much mistaken if this will not be found the most expeditious and effectual mode of supplying the want under which some of our parishes are suffering.

In all other respects, I believe our diocese is as happily circumstanced as we could desire. We have, indeed, no large cities, and of course we have no large Churches, and no large salaries. But for villages of unsurpassed healthfulness, for picturesque and lovely scenery, and—what is of far more importance—for a right state of sound church feeling, for the regularity of church order, for the prevailing intelligence and morality of the population, for a reasonable measure of unity and peace, and for a large and increasing field of usefulness, I have seen no place superior to the diocese in which Providence has been pleased to cast our lot. It gives me pleasure to add, that notwithstanding our peculiar disadvantages, the principles of the Church are making their way slowly but surely, to the approbation of the community; and I doubt not that we shall see the fruits in an encouraging increase, if we only have grace to be faithful.

It will be recollected that the subject of a revision of our Constitution and Canons was laid aside, on my suggestion, that the legislation of the Church in General Convention would probably supersede the necessity of our further action. I am sorry now to be obliged to say that I see no

prospect of that event soon, if at all. And therefore, according to my former pledge, I renew the offer of my assistance to any committee which you may think fit to raise, in relation to the matter.

I shall not detain you, my brethren, by any remarks on the general institutions of the Church, nor yet on the doings of our late General Convention, because I take it for granted that you are fully acquainted with the facts, through the papers, and prefer confining myself within the limits which belong to our diocesan sphere of action. My own opinions are at your service on any point, where you may think it desirable to have them expressed. I would only say, that I see no ground of alarm or uneasiness in the present aspect of our ecclesiastical relations. The elements of agitation seem, through the overruling power of God, to be at rest, and I trust that although, where there is a large degree of Christian liberty, there will always be more or less of occasional strife, yet, on the whole, the Church throughout our country is in as peaceable and united a state, as can be expected from human infirmity.

The most serious drawback upon our prosperity, as well as upon that of the whole Church, is probably in the spirit of worldliness which infects our flocks, I fear, most extensively. The love of Mammon, the making haste to get rich, the excitement of politics, the fever of speculation, the appetite for pleasure—these are old causes of melancholy hostility to the influence of divine truth. The late revolutionary movements in Europe, too, have infused a new element of earthly anxiety, tending not a little, among thousands, to distract the feelings and the thoughts from those eternal interests which are alone permanent and abiding. And the recent and stirring events in our own national history have perhaps contributed as much as any other secondary cause, to the prevailing apathy in religion. The peace with Mexico, the return of our troops, the vast accession of

territory, the powerful impulse to emigration, the anticipated pressure upon the monied interests of the community,—all these, together, have kept the minds of our citizens in a whirl of curiosity and solicitude, to a degree far beyond the average of worldly perturbation. Alas! that they should operate against the influence of the Gospel, when, if they were regarded aright, they would only stimulate us the more to be zealous in the pursuit of the only good, which is worthy of all our confidence and devotion. For surely the past year has been prolific of those changes which should force upon every thinking mind the inspired declaration, that all things here below are but vanity and vexation of spirit. The casting down of thrones, the sudden prostration of crowns and sceptres, the tottering of the strongest governments, the crumbling into dust of the most venerable institutions, the dismemberment of nations, the conversion of kings and princes and ministers of State, into fugitives and exiles without a country or a home, and the universal agitation still at work, heaving up the very foundations of almost every social system which past centuries had apparently established amongst mankind—what should all this teach us but a solemn lesson of the worthlessness, the deceitfulness and the utter uncertainty of earthly hopes and expectations! How should it enforce the divine precept—“Love not the world, neither the things of the world,”—“for the world passeth away and the lusts thereof, but the Word of the Lord endureth forever.”

May we all have wisdom and grace, my beloved brethren, to look on the troubled aspect of the age with the eyes of faith, and the heart of holy resolution. May the Lord be our strength, our hope, our confidence, and our crown of rejoicing. Vain is the help of man without his blessing. Vain are the arts of policy, the power of princes, the strength of armies, the pride of rank, the influence of gold, the authority of laws and constitutions, the skill of statesmen and politicians, without the sustaining hand of the

mighty Ruler. If God be for us, who can be against us? God be against us, what arm can be our refuge and our help? Let us seek his favor with renewed zeal and diligence. Let us implore our glorious Redeemer, who has all power in heaven and in earth, to conduct the destinies of this rebellious world, in his infinite mercy, to the best result. Let us look to his Holy Spirit to direct us in our ministerial work, to govern us in our ministerial and parochial duties, to rule our families and ourselves by the unerring precepts of his Gospel, and to establish, enlarge and prosper the Church throughout the globe, until the time shall come when his own eternal word has promised, when the heavens shall be given to him for his inheritance, when his dominion shall extend through all the borders of the earth, the whole world shall be filled with his glory.

When the Bishop's address being concluded, the Rev. Mr. Skaller called up for consideration, the proposition introduced by him into the annual Convention of 1846, (which was then approved and referred to the action of the next convention, and again referred to the present time,) for altering the Constitution and Canons, so that, at every annual convention, *three Presbyters and three Laymen* shall be elected as the Standing Committee of the Diocese: whereupon, on motion,
Resolved, That the first section of Canon I, be altered to read: "At every annual Convention, three Presbyters and three Laymen shall be elected as the Standing Committee of the Bishop's Council of Advice, for the ensuing year, &c."
 That the third Article of the Constitution, after the sentence referring to the prerogatives of the Bishop, ending thus: "shall govern the same according to the Scriptures and the Canons," read as follows: "Nevertheless, he does not act in

any important matter without his Council of Advice, elected for that purpose, and called the Standing Committee. Neither does he exercise any legislative power, &c."

That the eighth Article of the Constitution, after the clause, "assisted by his Council of Advice," read as follows: "assisted by the clerical members of his Council of Advice, or by other Presbyters, &c."

That the fifth section of the 15th Canon be stricken out altogether, and that these words, "by a joint vote of the whole house," be appended to the fourth section."

On motion,

Resolved, That a Committee of two persons be appointed to recommend a list of nominations for the officers to be elected by this Convention.

The Rev. Oliver Hopson and Nahum Parker Esq. were appointed on said Committee.

The resolution introduced at the last annual Convention, to alter the Constitution, so as to change the time for holding the annual Diocesan Convention, was call up, and

On motion,

Resolved, To dismiss the same.

On motion,

Resolved, That the next annual Convention of this Diocese be held at Christ Church, Bethel.

The Committee on nominations, having made their report, the following persons, recommended by them, were duly elected:—

FOR STANDING COMMITTEE: The Rev. John A. Hicks, D. D., Rev. Joel Clap, D. D., Rev. Geo. B. Manser, Hon. Isaac F. Redfield, George B. Shaw Esq., Ozias Seymour Esq.

FOR CLERICAL DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION: The Rev. John A. Hicks, D. D., Rev. Joel Clap, D. D., Rev. George B. Manser, Rev. Henry Blackaller.

FOR LAY DELEGATES TO THE NEXT GENERAL CONVENTION: Hon. Charles K. Williams, Hon. Isaac F. Red-

field, George B. Shaw, Esq., A. O. Aldis, Esq.,

FOR COMMITTEE ON FINANCE: Messrs. Nahum Parker, Amon Bailey and Edward Sherman.

The Rev. Ezekiel H. Sayles was appointed Preacher before the next Convention, and the Rev. Charles Fay, to be his substitute.

The Rev. Albert H. Bailey was appointed to preach the Missionary Sermon, the evening before the meeting of the next Convention, the Rev. M. A. Herrick to be his substitute.

The Parochial Reports, being called for, were presented, and,

On motion,

The reading of them was dispensed with, and it was ordered that they be printed as usual in the Journal.

[See Appendix.]

On motion,

Resolved, That the contributions to the Diocesan Missionary Fund, be paid quarterly into the hands of the Treasurer of the Convention, subject to the order of the Bishop and the Standing Committee.

The Convention then took a recess in order to attend Divine Service in the evening.

8 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Immediately after the conclusion of Divine Service, the Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The Committee on Finance made report, recommending the following assessments to be made upon the several parishes of the Diocese, to meet the current expenses of the year, which was accepted by the Convention, to wit:

Union Church, Montgomery,	-	-	-	\$3.00
Calvary Church, Berkshire,	-	-	-	3.00
Christ Church, Enosburgh,	-	-	-	2.00
Grace Church, Sheldon,	-	-	-	2.00

St. John's Church, Highgate,	-	-	-	6.00
Union Church, St. Albans,	-	-	-	10.00
Christ Church, Fairfax,	-	-	-	2.00
Trinity Church, Fairfield,	-	-	-	2.00
St. Paul's Church, Burlington,	-	-	-	10.00
Trinity Church, Shelburne,	-	-	-	4.00
St. Paul's Church, Vergennes,	-	-	-	5.00
St. Stephen's Church, Middlebury,	-	-	-	8.00
St. Thomas' Church, Brandon,	-	-	-	2.00
St. John's Church, Poultney,	-	-	-	4.00
St. Paul's Church, Wells,	-	-	-	2.00
Zion Church, Manchester,	-	-	-	6.00
St. James' Church, Arlington,	-	-	-	8.00
Christ Church, Guilford,	-	-	-	2.00
Immanuel Church, Bellows Falls,	-	-	-	8.00
St. Paul's Church, Windsor,-	-	-	-	4.00
St. James' Church, Woodstock,	-	-	-	6.00
Christ Church, Bethel,	-	-	-	2.00
St. Paul's Church, Royalton,	-	-	-	2.00
Christ Church, Montpelier,	-	-	-	4.90

\$117.00

The Treasurer of the Convention then made his Annual Report, which was accepted and adopted. The Treasurer also made report of the state of the funds placed in his hands for the relief of Aged and Infirm Clergymen, and the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen in this Diocese, who stand in need of assistance, which report was accepted and adopted. (See Appendix.)

The following Parishes were reported by the Treasurer as having contributed to the Contingent Fund in the year 1847 :—

Union Church, Montgomery,	-	-	-	\$4.00
Calvary Church, Berkshire,	-	-	-	8.00 2 years.
Christ Church, Enosburgh,	-	-	-	2.00
Grace Church, Sheldon,	-	-	-	2.00
St. John's Church, Highgate,	-	-	-	5.00
Union Church, St. Albans,	-	-	-	10.00
Trinity Church, Fairfield,	-	-	-	6.00 2 years.
Christ Church, Fairfax,	-	-	-	4.00 "

St. Paul's Church, Burlington,	-	-	-	10.00
Trinity Church, Shelburne,	-	-	-	4.00
St. Paul's Church, Vergennes,	-	-	-	5.00
St. Thomas' Church, Brandon,	-	-	-	3.00
Trinity Church, Rutland,	-	-	-	8.00
St. John's Church, Poultney,	-	-	-	4.00
St. Paul's Church, Wells,	-	-	-	2.00
St. Peter's Church, Bennington,	-	-	-	2.00
Christ Church, Guilford,	-	-	-	2.00
Immanuel Church, Bellows Falls,	-	-	-	8.00
St. James' Church, Woodstock,	-	-	-	6.00
Christ Church, Bethel,	-	-	-	2.00
St. Paul's Church, Royalton,	-	-	-	2.00
Christ Church, Montpelier,	-	-	-	4.00

On motion,

Resolved, That the Secretary be, and hereby is, directed to cause 600 copies of the Journal of Convention to be printed; and in addition to the provision made by the Canon upon the subject, to send six copies of the same to each Clergyman of the Diocese, by mail, unless otherwise instructed by the Clergyman himself.

The minutes of the proceedings of the Convention were then read and approved.

On motion,

Resolved, That after the customary religious services, this Convention do adjourn.

Thereupon, after singing a selection from the Psalms in metre, and the usual prayers and benediction by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

JOHN HENRY HOPKINS, D. D.,
President of the Convention.

Attest, GEORGE B. MANSEE, *Secretary.*

APPENDIX I.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS,

ALPHABETICALLY ARRANGED, ACCORDING TO THE LOCALITY.

ST. JAMES CHURCH, ARLINGTON.

THE REV. FREDERICK AUGUSTUS WADSWORTH, RECTOR.

Families, (comprising adults, 154, children, 123, total 277,) 61; Baptisms, (adults, 3, children, 7,) 10; Confirmed, 7; Marriages, 1; Burials, 13; Communicants, (added anew, 7, removed into the parish, 1, removed from the parish, 4, died 2,) present number, 96; Catechumens, 30.

Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion, exclusive of the Easter Collection,	\$20.05
Easter Collection for aged and infirm Clergymen,	14.00
for General Missions, Domestic,	6.00
for General Missions, Foreign,	26.00
for the contingent fund of the Diocese,	8 00
Receipts of Mite Society above expenses,	50.89

\$124.94

Public worship, on Sundays, twice throughout the year; On other days, Good Friday, Christmas Day, the State Fast and Thanksgiving, one service each in the morning. Also, a lecture every Friday Evening.

The Holy Eucharist has been administered seven times.

The Children have been catechised occasionally by the Rector.

Remarks. In addition to the usual contributions above enumerated, a shed has been built by the parish, back of the Church, at an expense of \$150.

IMMANUEL CHURCH, BELLOWS FALLS.

REV. JOEL OLAP, D. D., RECTOR,

This Parish has been most deeply afflicted since the last meeting of this Convention, by the death of its most estimable Rector the Rev. Albin K. Putnam, the last few years of whose earthly Ministry were devoted successfully to its interest beyond the measure of his physical power: and whose amiable disposition and devoted piety and faithful discharge of his Pastoral duties recommended him to the warm affections of a grateful people, by whom his memory will ever be cherished with lively interest.

The present Rector assumed the charge of the Parish on the first of December last, and has not been able yet thoroughly to correct the list of Families and Communicants now belonging to the Parish. Taking however the last Parochial Report as furnishing the data in the items for the present, the following is the most accurate exhibition which he can present.

Families, 77, Baptisms, (Infants,) 10, Confirmed, 5, Marriages, 9, Burials, 16, Communicants, (added anew 2,) removed into the parish 6, removed from the Parish 5, died 3, present number, 154.

Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	\$32.57
for Domestic Missions,	20.00
for aged and infirm Clergymen, &c.	11.71
for Sunday School Library,	7.02
for the contingent fund of the Diocese,	8.00
for Diocesan Missions,	1.93
for Funeral Charges and Grave Stones for the late Rector, about,	60.00

\$141.23

The neat and conveniently arranged Parsonage, the commencement of which was noticed by the late Rector in his last Parochial Report, has been finished and neatly enclosed at an expense of about \$1370.00.

Towards which the Ladies circle, with a zeal and perseverance deserving much praise, has already paid during the past year about \$400.00, from the avails of their untiring industry, and is still engaged with unabating diligence and cheerful zeal in raising the remaining \$400.00, which was assumed by this circle at the investment of this praiseworthy undertaking.

And by that divine blessing which has hitherto crowned the pious

undertakings of this association with success, I have no doubt it will be accomplished in due time.

Public worship, morning and evening on each Sunday, save the evening of one, since the first of December last, and during about five months a third service on Sunday evening.

Evening Prayer and Sermon on Wednesday and Friday evening during Lent. Morning Prayer at an early hour every day during Passion week. Morning Prayer and Sermon on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, Ash Wednesday, Fast Day by appointment of the civil authority and Good Friday, and Evening Prayer and Sermon on the evening preceding Christmas Day.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, BRANDON.

THE REV. A. H. BAILEY, RECTOR.

Families, (comprising adults, 53, children, 36; total 89,) 15; Baptism, 1; Marriages, 2; Burials, 3; Communicants removed into the Parish, 3; removed from the Parish, 3; present number, 20; Catechumens, (boys, 7, girls, 13,) 20.

Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion, appropriated

for Diocesan Missions,	\$3.00
for General Missions, Domestic,	8.00
Foreign,	9.00
for the contingent fund of the Diocese, (A. D. 1847),	3.00
for Relief of Aged and infirm Clergymen, &c.	3.67
for Sunday School Books,	2.27
in hand,	41

\$34.35

Private, for Contingent Expenses of Diocese,	
A. D., 1846 and 1848,	\$5.00
for Sunday School Books,	3.73

8.73

Total, **\$43.08**

Public Worship, on Sundays, regularly, morning and evening, except on Sunday when the Rector was absent.

On other days, to wit, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Ash-Wednesday, Fast Day, recommended by the civil authority, Wednesday of Passion Week, and Good Friday.

The Holy Eucharist has been administered 13 times.

The children have been catechised in the Sunday School, and

discussed upon the Catechism, on the afternoons of three Sundays. During the winter the Bible Class met in two divisions weekly with an average attendance of 14 persons.

marks, this Report is for the time since Aug. 18, 1847. The condition of the Parish is little changed since the last Report.

CHRIST CHURCH, BETHEL.

THE REV. JOSIAH SWETT, RECTOR.

illies, 26; Baptisms, (children, 8, adults, 5,) 13; Confirmed, 6; whom belonged to the Parish of Grace Church, Randolph; March 2; the parties of one of which were from the Parish of St. Paul's, or; Died, 1; Communicants, removed, 6; died, 1; added by communion, 4; by transfer from other places, 4; present number, 55.

Contributions, for relief of Aged and Infirm Clergymen,	\$10.00
for Foreign and Domestic Missions,	10.00
for Diocesan Missions,	5.00
for the purchase of Tracts and Prayer Books	
for gratuitous distribution,	8.00
for Contingent Fund of the Diocese,	2.00
for other purposes,	4.62

\$39.62

On the above named contributions, \$24.62 were received as alms at Holy Communion.

Services on every Sabbath, except the first in each month, and on Wednesdays, when there was preaching at West Randolph. Also, Morning Service, and preaching on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas and Ash Wednesday; Evening Service, and preaching on Christmas Eve; and Morning Prayer on all Fridays in Lent, except the first, and on each Passion Week, to which there were superadded, on Good Friday, Evening Service, and the reading of two Homilies.

The Rector has also preached on two Sabbaths, officiated at two funerals, and baptized one infant, in the Parish of Grace Church, Randolph. Holy Communion has been administered on twelve different occasions, besides once in private to a sick person, in West Randolph.

Efforts towards a Sabbath School have been nearly ineffectual, chiefly to the small number of children that could be induced to (not over eight,) and to their irregular attendance from living so far off, and the Church being closed a part of the time.

Ladies deserve much praise for their commendable efforts to raise funds for painting the Church edifice, and paying for an organ. For these purposes they have succeeded in raising nearly \$200.00 during the year.

ing the last year, by means of which the Church has already been painted, and the debt for the organ nearly half liquidated.

The congregation has somewhat increased; but what is infinitely better, there seems to have been an increase of attention to the subject of our holy religion, and a special growth in grace on the part of much the larger portion of the members of the Church; though, sad to say, some are still lukewarm or cold, having lost that active faith which works by love, and purifies the heart. O that God would quicken them, and make us throughout a living Church!

CALVARY CHURCH, EAST BERKSHIRE.

E. H. SAYLES, RECTOR.

Families, 36; Baptisms, infants, 3; Burials, 3; Marriages, 1; Catechumens, 30; Communicants, 57.

Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	\$3.62
For General Missions,	
Amherst Willoughby,	2.00
Miss Ednah Royce,	1.90
For Contingent Fund of the Diocese,	3.00
Repairs on the Church,	80.00

Total, \$94.62

Public services, two and occasionally three on alternate Sundays, by the Rector, and on the other Sundays when conducted by the Lay-Reader. The third service is held in various parts of the Parish. The greater Fasts and Feasts of the Church are observed together with those appointed by the Executive. But when the State Fast comes after Easter, it is not noticed. The Holy Communion is administered once in eight weeks, also on Christmas Day, making seven times per year. Lay-Reading and the Sunday School are regularly sustained in the absence of the Rector by zealous and efficient Churchmen who thus show their "faith by their works." Many needful repairs have been made for the Church edifice, the last year. New pipe has been furnished for both stoves, the cracks and rents in the walls have been filled with plaster of Paris, and the whole whitewashed in a very neat and elegant manner; and a heavy debt, contracted some years since for painting has been paid, the whole involving an outlay of nearly \$100.00—

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, BURLINGTON.

THE RIGHT REV. JOHN H. HOPKINS, D. D. RECTOR.

Families, 75, adults, 170, children and youth, 205, total 375; students of College and other transient persons 25; Baptisms, (adults

2, children, 25,) 27; Confirmed, 15; Marriages 4; Burials 5; Communicants, removed 8, died 1, added 12, total number 183. Sunday Scholars, boys 25, girls 44, total 69; Superintendent and Teachers 12.

Contributions, for alms at the Holy Communion,	\$92.32
for General Missions, Foreign,	24.00
Domestic,	40.00
for Diocesan Missions,	108.75
for Contingent Fund,	10.00
for aged and infirm Clergymen.	19.62

Public Services, regular, morning and evening on each Lord's Day, on the great Festivals and Thansgiwing Day, on Ash Wednesday, and thereafter twice a week on Wednesday and Fridays through Lent, and morning and evening Service with a Sermon on every day in Passion week, except Saturday. The Communion has been administered on the first Sunday of every month, and on Easter day, with one exception.

The Parish is still increasing, and there is some complaint for want of room, and some expectation that an effort will be made before long to improve the Church edifice, which is highly desirable.

CHRIST CHURCH, ENOSBURGH.

REV. JOHN A. FITCH, RECTOR.

Confirmations, 1 ; Burials, 2; Communicants added, 2; Died, 1.

Contributions :—

for Foreign Missions,	\$3.50
for Domestic Missions,	6.50
• for Diocesan Missions,	3.00
for the relief of aged and infirm Clergy-	
men,	2.50
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	\$15.50
for contingent fund of Diocese,	2.00
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	\$17.50

In addition to the regular Service, services at Christmas, and occasional services during the Winter, at the centre of the town, have been held. There has been no material alteration in the condition of this Parish since the last report.

In addition to services reported above, the Rector has held services twice at 5 o'clock on the Sabbath, in the Parish of Fairfield, and spent

one Sunday at Fairfax, preached twice, and administered the communion, and has likewise officiated at 4 funerals out of his Parish.

REPORT OF CHRIST CHURCH, GUILFORD.

JOHN E. PRADT, RECTOR.

Families, (comprising adults, 120, children, 110, total, 230,) 45; Baptisms, (adults, 5, children, 6,) 11; Confirmations, 7; Marriages, 9; Burials, 11; Communicants, (added anew, 8; received into the Parish, 1; removed from the Parish, 1; died, 4;) present number, 67.

Alms at the Holy Communion, \$59.30

which have been appropriated as follows:—

Expenses of the Table,	\$3.75
Parochial Poor.	2.00
Diocesan Missions,	5.50
General Missions, Domestic,	10.00
“ for the Jews,	2.00
General Missions, Foreign,	9.00
Family of a deceased clergymen of the Diocese,	5.00
Fund for “ Aged and Infirm Clergymen, &c.	4.00
Addition to Parish Library,	3.00
Contingent Fund of the Diocese,	2.00
Other purposes,	12.02

The Ladies of the Parish have realized, during the last summer, by the proceeds of their industry, nearly the sum of \$100, towards the erection of a Parsonage. We are also indebted to the kindness of a few members of our Communion, not belonging to the Parish, for a contribution of \$35.00 towards the same object. It is the purpose of the Parish to prosecute the undertaking, and it is hoped that it will be completed within a year from the present time.

The prospect is once more thought favorable for the establishment of a Parish in Brattleboro'. Should this be done, it will weaken, somewhat, the Parish in Guilford, by separating from it several families and communicants. From the present and prospective importance of Brattleboro', as a place of business, and a resort of strangers, the permanent establishment of a Parish there will tend to strengthen the Church materially in that part of the Diocese.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, HIGHGATE.

THE REV. C. R. BATCHELDER, RECTOR.

Since the last Convention, nothing of interest has taken place in this Parish. During the year there has been a gradual increase of the Congregation; but a very great and alarming degree of apathy

and worldliness prevails among those of whom better things have been hoped. The Church has been open for Divine Service twice each Sunday, with the exception of eleven Sundays, when the evening Service has been at Swanton Falls. The Church was opened on Christmas Eve, and on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, Epiphany, Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and Ascension Day, for Morning Prayer. Besides this I have read evening prayer, and lectured twice in a School House, in a part of the parish distant from the Church. The Holy Communion has been administered thirteen times, I have attended four funerals,—two in my own parish, and one in Sheldon and one in St. Albans. There have been two marriages and four Baptisms,—one adult and three infants. Five persons were confirmed in August. One communicant has died, and two have removed from the parish. The present number of Communicants is fifty. The Sunday School in this parish is small, but the attendance and interest of the members has been uniform during the year. I have regularly attended it, opened it with a collect, catechised the children each Sunday, and then taken my place as a teacher.

CHRIST CHURCH, MONTPELIER.

THE REV. GEORGE B. MANSEY, LATE RECTOR.

Families, (comprising adults, children and other members who attend Church, 161,) 42, Confirmed, 2, present number of communicants, 30; several having removed out of the Parish, and one deceased, during the past year.

The present number of catechumens is about 32. The contributions have been small, the Rector, having been absent the greater part of the past year.

The first of October last, having procured the Rev. F. W. Shelton, a Deacon of the Diocese of New York, to officiate in my absence. I left the Parish to attend the General Convention at New York, and to spend the winter in a milder climate for the benefit of my health.

At New Orleans, La., I spent something over five months, and in June last returned home, having been absent more than eight months from my Family and Parish. Soon after my return, I tendered my resignation of the Parish, to the Vestry, which was accepted;—since then I have continued to reside at Montpelier, and most of the time, have preached in my former place, the Parish not being otherwise supplied.*

*At the urgent request of the parish, Rev. Wm. Manser, has since renewed his engagement, and is now their Rector, as before.

The Holy Eucharist has been administered but three times the past year; once before my departure last autumn, once during the winter by Rev. Mr. Swett, of Christ Church, Bethel, and once since my return.

Public worship has been *regularly* celebrated twice every Sunday, and *occasionally*, at the great Festivals of the Church, up to the time of my resignation in June last. Since that time, when I have been absent, the Church has been closed, and also on one Sunday when I was too much indisposed to hold Service.

UNION CHURCH. MONTGOMERY.

REV. E. H. SAYLES, RECTOR.

Families; 38; Baptisms, infants, 3; Burial, 1; Catechumens, 16; Communicants, 76.

Contributions :—

Alms at the Holy Communion,	\$4.36
Contingent fund of the Diocese,	3.00
For other purposes,	46.00
Total,	<u>\$53.36</u>

Public Worship, morning and evening, on every Sunday in the year, conducted alternately by the Rector and Lay-Readers. An occasional third Service is held in school houses. The observance of Fasts and Festivals, and the administrations of the Holy Communion, are the same as in the other Parish. A row of sheds, in rear of the Church, is nearly completed, and a substantial though plain fence has been built in front; thus the yard, around the Church of God, is no longer an unsightly common. The congregation is distinguished for stability and regularity, and remain true to the Church and her principles, unmoved by the various novelties around them. No contributions have been taken for general Missions.

ZION CHURCH, MANCHESTER.

HENRY BLACKALLER, RECTOR.

Families, (comprising adults, 104, children, 75; total, 179), 37; Baptisms, children, 3; Confirmed, 1; Marriages, 1; Burials, 4; Communicants, added 1, present number, 38; Catechumens, (boys, 26, girls, 26), 52.

Contributions, alms to the Holy Communion,	\$20.00
for Foreign Missions,	20.00
for Contingent Fund,	6.00
for the purchase of an Eolian Organ,	125.00
	<u>\$171.00</u>

There have been the usual services throughout the year on Sundays, on the greater Festivals of the Church, and during the season of Lent.

In Parishes like ours, where the Parishioners are very much scattered, living from two to five miles from the Church, and in opposite directions; many insurmountable difficulties impede the growth of the Church under even a zealous and active ministry. On Sundays, the interval between the Morning and Evening Services is the only time that can be appropriated to Sunday School instruction. In the Summer, this is one and half hour; in the Winter, one hour; and when, as is sometimes the case, the clergyman has to fill the office of Teacher, Superintendent, and Librarian, it is impossible that the children can have that share of his attention that should be given them.

Under these and other discouraging circumstances, the Parish nevertheless, we trust, has been gradually improving. Attendance at Church is on the increase, and there appears to prevail throughout the Parish an almost unprecedented degree of peace and harmony. To the laudable exertions of some of our Ladies, the Church is indebted for a fine-toned Eolian Organ, which is found materially to enhance the pleasures of Holy Worship.

Among other things, the Rector thinks there is a very perceptible benefit accruing both to the Parish and the Church at large, from the Institute of which he is the Principal. The young Ladies that come from a distance, and several of those from the neighborhood, attend Church and become familiar with our worship and doctrine; and in this way, many prejudices are overcome, and many attachments are formed which do not soon perish.

We have distributed a number of Prayer Books, Sunday School Manuals and Tracts; and are in the course of distributing five dozen of Bishop Griswold's Tract on the Reformation.

In the goodness of God we have not had a day's sickness through the year. Our mercies are great. Would to God, there were among us a corresponding amount of religious sensibility.—We will pray in faith, and labor in hope of a season of brighter promise. “O Lord save thy people, and bless thine heritage.”

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, EAST POULTNEY,

THE REV. O. HOPSON, RECTOR.

Families (comprising adults 94, children 60, total 154,) 40; Baptisms, (adults 2, Children 6,) 8; Confirmed 3; marriages 3; Burials (including one in Whitehall and one in Castleton,) 4; Communicants, added by removal 1, anew 7, lost by removal 3, by death 1, present number (including 10, who residing in adjoining towns and not

belonging to other Parishes, occasionally commune with us,) 64;
 Sunday School Teachers, 10, Scholars, 30.

Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	\$14.25
for General Missions, Foreign,	10.00
for Diocesan Missions,	5.00
for Contingent Fund,	4.00
for Sunday School,	4.50
for Painting the Church Edifice,	74.00
Contributed by the Ladies Sewing Society for improvements in the interior of the Church,	114.00
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	\$225.75

Public Services on Sundays regular morning and evening, on the principle Festival and Fasts, on each Wednesday evening during the season of Lent; Catechetical or Biblical instructions between the services on Sundays during the year.

The attendance upon Public worship has been constantly increasing, and this Parish (under the Divine blessing) may safely be reported, it is believed, as prosperous.

TRINITY CHURCH, RUTLAND.

THE REV. JOHN A. HICKS, RECTOR.

Families, (comprising adults, 130, children, 70, total 200,) 53; Baptisms, (adults, 2, children, 2,) 4; Confirmed, 5; Marriages, 2; Burials, 6; Communicants, (added anew, 5, removed into the parish, 1; removed from the parish, 0, died, 0,) present number, 73; Catechumens (boys, 12, girls 20,) 32.

Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	\$20.00
for Diocesan Missions,	15.00
for General Missions, Domestic,	0.00
Foreign,	13.00
for the contingent fund of the Diocese,	8.00
for other purposes,	900.00
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	956.00

Public worship, on Sundays, regularly twice on Sunday. On other days, principal feasts and fasts of the Church.

The Holy Eucharist Monthly.

The children have been catechised as the canon directs in Lent.

Remarks. The parish has purchased as a parsonage the House in

which the Rector has long dwelt, and raised the funds necessary to pay for it, amounting to \$900.

GRACE CHURCH, RANDOLPH.

Grace Church Randolph has no minister, but is under the provisional care of the Rev. Mr. Swett, of Bethel, who will include the Baptisms, Burials, &c., in his report. The state of the Parish is very much what was indicated in the last report. We are now in progress of erecting a Church building, after a plan furnished by the Bishop of the Diocese—something after the plan of the earlier English Parish Churches; but of very plain and cheap style of building, wholly of wood. The number of communicants is just about the same as last year, thirty-five. We hope to have our Church in readiness for consecration in less than two months, and to be able to secure the services of a resident minister after that. The prospects of the Parish are as favorable as could be expected. We hope to be able, by what assistance is usually afforded to public Parishes, to support a minister; but of that we speak with something of distrust ourselves.

ISAAC F. REDFIELD, } Wardens.
JOHN T. SMITH, }

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, ROYALTON.

THE REV. JOSIAH SWETT, RECTOR.

Families 6; Baptisms (children) 5; Marriages 1; Burials 2; one being of a person belonging to St. Peter's Church, Drewsville, N. H.; Communicants, removed 2, died 1, added 2, present number 20. Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion, \$12.37.

Public Services twice on the first Sabbath in each month, except in one instance, when Service was on the last Sabbath of the month preceding; also, evening Prayer and Preaching on Christmas night.

I regret to say that the Church has been closed on all Sabbaths when there has not been Preaching, for want of lay-reading; but I am gratified to state that it will not be so hereafter, through Divine permission, and that we have ground to hope for a better state of things in this Parish; yet, it is cheering for me to know that nearly every one of the present members of the Church, is diligently seeking the things of the Kingdom, and endeavoring to adorn the Christian life. May God make them still more faithful, and grant unto them, in yet larger measures, the holy comfort of the believer in Christ.

UNION CHURCH, ST. ALBANS.

During the past year we have been without a Rector, but have sustained the worship of the Church on the Sundays by Lay-Read-

ing. Occasionally the Bishop of the Diocese and the Clergymen have officiated for us. Notwithstanding the discouraging circumstances of the past three years have tended to depress the condition of this Parish, yet a high degree of unanimity, and a firm attachment to the principles of our Church, have prevailed among the families composing the congregation. And now that we have secured the pastoral services of Rev. Mr. Fay, late of New Orleans, we hope soon to regain our former prosperity.

Baptisms, 5 children ; Communicants, 90 ; Families, 40 ; Burials, 6.

BILDAD PAULL, Warden.

GRACE CHURCH, SHELDON.

REV. JOHN A. FITCH, RECTOR.

Baptisms, (infant,) 1 ; Marriages, 3 ; Burials, (adults, 1, infants, 2,) 3 ; Communicants removed from the Parish, 4 ; one added ; present number about sixty-five ; Catechumens, 25.

Contributions :—

for Foreign Missions,	\$6.50
for Domestic Missions,	13.50
for Diocesan Missions,	3.00
for Bible and Prayer Book Society,	2.00
for the relief of aged and infirm Clergymen,	3.50
for contingent fund of Diocese,	2.00

\$30.50

In addition to the regular services in the Church, a third service has been held during the Winter in a remote part of the Parish. The condition of the Parish is much the same as at the date of the last report.

TRINITY CHURCH, SHELBURN.

Baptisms, (infants) 2, Marriage 1, Funerals 6, Communicants, (added) 5, died, 2.

Public Services on Lord's Day, and other occasions appointed by civil and ecclesiastical authority according to the acts and general usages of the Church.

An Organ has been purchased at an expense of one hundred dollars and ruined by exposure to rain, through an unobserved imperfection in the roof of our House of worship.

We have again to deplore the loss of our kind warden, in the death of Col. Horace Saxton—who was a worthy successor of the lamented Chittenden, and a just, liberal and active benefactor of the Church. In other respects there has been but little change, except

that, previous to the present *political* excitement, our congregations have been more full and regular.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, VERGENNES.

THE REV. F. THAYER, RECTOR.

Baptisms, infants, 7; Burials, 5; Communicants, 75; added, 5—80.

Collections, alms at the Holy Communion,	\$25.00
Increase of the Sunday School Library,	10.00
for repairs and improvements of the Church,	85.00
Bible and Common Prayer Book Society,	16.00
contingent fund of the Diocese,	5.00

Divine Service every Sunday, and on the high Festivals and Thanksgiving Day; morning and evening Prayers twice a week during Lent, with a Sermon in the evening, and daily in Passion week.

I have officiated three times in Middlebury, and once administered the Holy Communion. I have preached three times in Chatham, a mile from town, where a few families of the Parish reside.

I am happy to report, this second year of my Rectorship, a marked improvement in the condition and prospects of the Church. The number of attendants has steadily increased, and, so far as I can judge, much harmony prevails among the congregation.

I have made pastoral visits during the Winter, which are resumed this Fall, at the houses of the members of the Parish, of a strictly religious nature—reading of the Scriptures, exhortation and prayer. They have been attended by those in the immediate neighborhood, which, it is believed, have been blessed of the Holy Spirit—been invigorating to faith, and refreshing to piety.

The improvements in the Church, approved by the Bishop, and made at my suggestion, simply consist in the removal of the altar to the centre of the Church, with the pulpit and lectern outside of the rails,—an arrangement more appropriate and better fitted for the performance and understanding of the whole service.

The unwearied efforts of the Ladies of the Church are worthy of all commendation, in furnishing the Church, and in trimming the altar and lectern with a handsome covering of damask, and otherwise adorning the House of the Lord.

The Rector deeply laments his many failures in duty,—the excessive prevalence of a worldly spirit, and alarming religious insensibility to the *great salvation*, among many dear to him, and for whose souls he is bound to watch as one who must give an account—still he is encouraged to believe, that some are growing in Christian virtues, in love and faith, daily commune with their Maker, and are preparing for the heav-

only state, while their co-operation with him in his official labors, and their heartfelt sympathy with him under severe private afflictions, from which, by the blessing of God, he is now entirely relieved, have incited him to fresh ardor in the discharge of his duties as a minister of Christ, and awakened brighter hopes for the future.

Respectfully submitted to his Diocesan,

FOSTER THAYER.

ST. PAULS CHURCH, WELLS.

THE REV. O. HOPSON, RECTOR.

Families, (comprising adults 35, children 33, total 68,) 16; Baptisms, adults 2; Confirmed 2; Marriages 1; Burials 1; Communicants, added anew 6, lost by removal 9, present number 27; Sunday School Teachers 10; Scholars 45.

Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	\$7.83
for General Missions, Foreign,	5.00
for Diocesan Missions,	2.50
for Contingent Fund,	2.00
for Sunday School,	3.47
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	20.80

Public worship on Sundays regular, morning and evening, on Christmas evening, and on Good Friday: Catechetical or Biblical instructions between the services on Sundays during the year.

This Parish has suffered much, the past year, from removals, having lost in this way several families and comparatively a large number of Communicants. We have the satisfaction of believing however, that what is our loss will prove to be other's gain, and it is a source of encouragement to us that our congregations, instead of diminishing, have been on the increase.

May the Lord prosper his work, till "a little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation."

ST. JAMES CHURCH, WOODSTOCK.

THE REV. M. A. HERRICK, RECTOR.

Confirmed, 1; Marriages, 2; Communicants, (added anew, 1; removed from the parish, 4.

Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	\$20.00
for Diocesan Missions,	10.00
Foreign,	3.00
for the contingent fund of the Diocese,	6.00
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Total,	39.00

Public worship, on Sundays, morning and evening. The Holy Eucharist is administered on the first Sunday of every month.

The children have been catechised on the last Sunday of every month.

Remarks. The present minister commenced parochial duty in the Parish, on the first of December last, and of course is unable to speak of the comparative state of the Parish. There is at present a good degree of harmony among us, and on the whole our prospects are favorable.

N. B. From the following Parishes no Parochial Report has been received, viz: St. Peter's, Bennington. Christ, Fairfax. Trinity, Fairfield. Calvary, Jericho. St. Stephens, Middlebury. St. Stephens, Timmouth. St. Paul's, Windsor. Union, Springfield. St. Andrew's, Rochester.

APPENDIX I.

LIST OF THE CLERGY

In the Diocese of Vermont, with the Parishes under their charge.

The Rt. Rev. JOHN HENRY HOPKINS, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, and Rector of St. Paul's Church, Burlington.

PRESBYTERS.

The Rev. ALBERT H. BAILEY, Rector of St. Thomas' Church, Brandon.

The Rev. C. R. BATCHELDER, Rector of St. John's Church, Highgate.

The Rev. HENRY BLACKALLER, Rector of Zion Church, Manchester.

The Rev. JOEL CLAP, D. D., Rector of Immanuel Church, Bellows Falls.

The Rev. CHARLES CLEVELAND, Rector of Trinity Church, Shelburne.

The Rev. CHARLES FAY, Rector of Union Church, St. Albans.

The Rev. JOHN A. FITCH, Rector of Grace Church, Sheldon, and Christ Church, Enosburgh.

The Rev. JOHN A. HICKS, D. D., Rector of Trinity Church, Rutland.

The Rev. MARCELLUS A. HERRICK, Rector of St. James Church, Woodstock.

The Rev. O. HOPSON, Rector of St. John's Church, Poultney, and St. Paul's Church, Wells.

The Rev. GEORGE B. MANSEY, Rector of Christ Church, Montpelier.

The Rev. LOUIS M'DONALD.

The Rev. JOSIAH PERRY.

The Rev. JOHN B. PRADT, Rector of Christ Church, Guilford.

The Rev. EZEKIEL H. SAYLES, Rector of Union Church, Montgomery, and Calvary Church, Berkshire.

The Rev. JOSIAH SWETT, Rector of Christ Church, Bethel, and St. Paul's Church, Royalton.

The Rev. FOSTER THAYER, Rector St. Paul's Church, Vergennes.

The Rev. FREDERICK A. WADLEIGH, Rector of St. James' Church, Arlington.

DEACONS.

Rev. THORNTON W. CLAPP.

Rev. ZADOCK THOMPSON, residing at Burlington.

CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS.

STEPHEN CHIPMAN THERALL.

ELKANAH F. REMINGTON.

APPENDIX II.

LIST OF THE PARISHES

In the Diocese of Vermont, with their Rector or Ministers.

PARISHES.	RECTORS.
ST. JAMES, Arlington,	Rev. FRED'K A. WADLEIGH.
IMMANUEL, Bellows Falls,	Rev. JOEL CLAP, D. D.
ST. PETER's, Bennington,	Vacant.
CALVARY, Berkshire,	Rev. E. H. SAYLES.
CHRIST, Bethel,	Rev. JOSIAH SWETT.
ST. THOMAS's, Brandon,	Rev. A. BAILEY.
ST. PAUL's, Burlington,	Rt. Rev. J. H. HOPKINS, D. D.
CHRIST, Enosburgh,	Rev. J. A. FITCH.
CHRIST, Fairfax,	Vacant.
TRINITY, Fairfield,	Vacant.
CHRIST, Guilford,	Rev. JOHN A. PRADT.
ST. JOHN's, Highgate,	Rev. C. R. BATCHELDER.
CALVARY, Jericho,	
ZION, Manchester,	Rev. H. BLACKALLER.
ST. STEPHEN's, Middlebury,	Vacant.
UNION, Montgomery,	Rev. E. H. SAYLES.
CHRIST, Montpelier,	Rev. GEORGE B. MANSER.
ST. JOHN's, Poultney,	Rev. O. HOPSON.
GRACE, Randolph,	
ST. ANDREW's, Rochester,	
ST. PAUL's, Royalton,	Rev. JOSIAH SWETT.
TRINITY, Rutland,	Rev. JOHN A. HICKS, D. D.
TRINITY, Shelburne,	Rev. CHARLES CLEVELAND.
GRACE, Sheldon,	Rev. J. A. FITCH.
UNION, Springfield,	
UNION, St. Albans,	Rev. CHARLES FAY.
ST. STEPHEN's, Tinmouth,	
ST. PAUL's, Wells,	Rev. O. HOPSON.
ST. PAUL's, Windsor,	Vacant.
ST. JAMES', Woodstock,	Rev. M. A. HERRICK.
ST. PAUL's, Vergennes,	Rev. FOSTER THAYER.

APPENDIX III.

RELIEF OF AGED AND INFIRM CLERGYMEN, &c.

At a meeting of the Bishop and Standing Committee held at Middlebury, July 19th, 1848.

On motion,

Resolved, That the sum of *Thirty seven dollars and Fifty cents* be appointed for the relief of the Rev. Louis M'Donald, out of monies received for the relief of Aged and Infirm Clergymen, &c. And that the Secretary draw an order therefor upon the Treasurer.

Resolved, That the sum of *Ten dollars* be appropriated to Mrs. Putnam, widow of the late Rev. A. K. Putnam.

At a meeting of the Bishop and Standing Committee held at St. John's Church, East Poultney, Sept. 20th, 1848, after examining the report of the Treasurer in reference to the amount, now in his hands, for the relief of Aged and Infirm Clergymen &c. It was,

On motion,

Resolved, That the sum of *Fifty dollars* be appropriated for the benefit of the Widow and Orphan children of the late Rev. A. K. Putnam.

On motion, it was further

Resolved, That the balance of said funds now in the hands of the Treasurer, as by his report of this day, be appropriated to the relief of the Rev. Louis M'Donald, and that the Treasurer be directed to pay the above appropriations.

GEORGE B. MANSER,
Secretary of Standing Committee.

APPENDIX IV.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Amount received for Aged and Infirm Clergymen &c.

N. PARKER, Treasurer:—

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1847. To balance reported on hand last year: (See Journal of 1847.)	- - - -	22.26
To amount received, since last report, from eight Parishes,	- - - -	50.79
To amount received from the following Parishes in addition:		
Trinity Church, Rutland,	- - - -	\$10.00
St. James Church, Arlington,	- - - -	14.00
Christ Church, Bethel,	- - - -	5.50 29.50
		<u>\$102.55</u>
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1848, July. By Paid order of Standing Committee, for the Rev. L. M'Donald,	- - - -	\$37.50
Amount paid by Rev. Dr. Hicks, to the Widow of Rev. A. K. Putnam,	- - - -	10.00
By amount on hand,	- - - -	55.05
		<u>\$102.55</u>

NAHUM PARKER,
Treasurer of the Diocese of Vermont.

APPENDIX V.

MISSIONS.

At a meeting of the Missionary Committee of the Diocese, held in St. John's Church, East Poultney, September 20th, 1848, after examining the report of the Treasurer, it was;

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Parish at Jericho be no longer regarded as a Missionary station.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Parish at Randolph be added to the list of Missionary stations in the Diocese.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the amount of Missionary Funds, now in the Treasurer's hands as by his report of this day, be equally divided among the several Parishes, now recognized as Missionary stations in the Diocese.

Present List of Missionary Stations: Guilford, Shelburne, Brandon, Bethel, Enosburgh, Woodstock, Wells and Randolph.

Geo. B. Manser,

Secretary of the Missionary Committee.

N. PARKER, TREASURER OF MISSIONARY FUND OF DIOCESE.

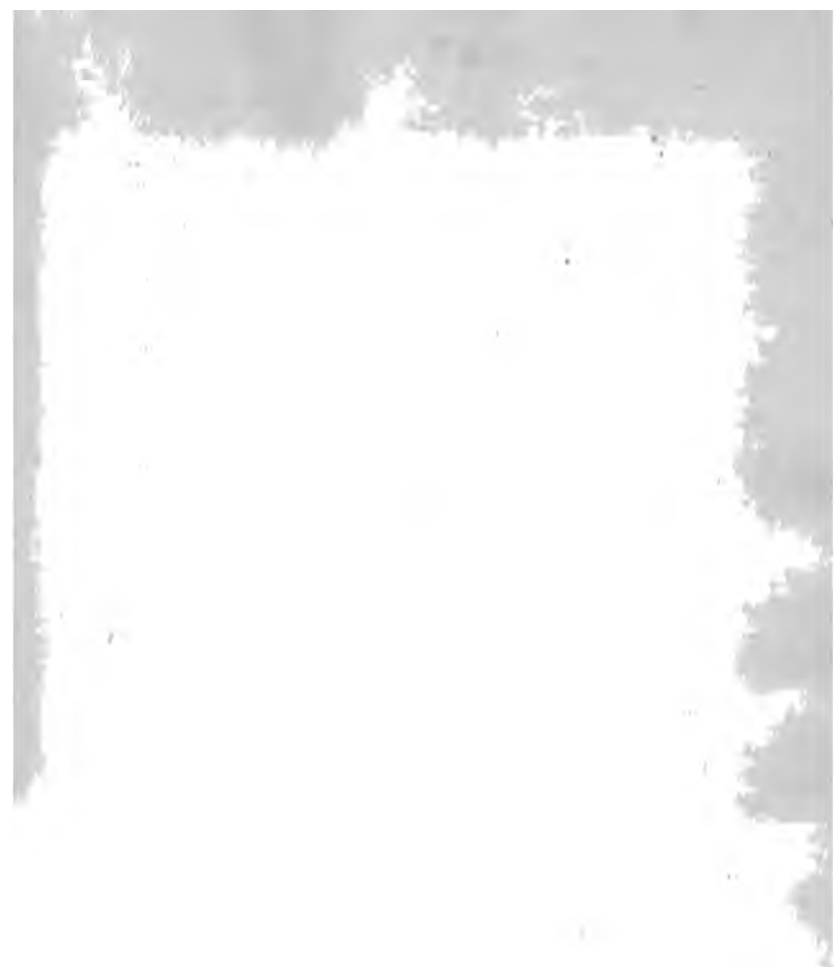
		<i>Dr.</i>
Sept. 1847.	To balance in hand after appropriations last year,	\$7.92
	“ cash not paid to Jericho as directed,	30.00
	“ “ not paid to Woodstock,	23.00
		<hr/> \$60.92
Sept. 20th, 1848.	Paid Rev. A. M. Herrick,	23.00
		<hr/> 37.92
	Received this day,	162.35
		<hr/> \$200.27

Sept. 20th, 1848.

N. PARKER, *Treasurer.*

DIOCESAN CONVENTION IN ACCOUNT WITH N. PARKER, TREASURER.

		<i>Dr.</i>
Sept. 1847.	To cash on hand, (see Journal of, '47)	\$88.74
	“ cash received of 22 Parishes,	103.00
		<hr/> \$191.74
		<i>Cr.</i>
Sept. 1847.	By paid Rev. A. K. Putnam's account for postage, &c.	\$1.57
	By paid Rev. M. Manser, for Gen. Convention,	15.00
“ 27.	By paid Secretary, for printing Journals,	59.00
		<hr/> \$75.57
Balance in Treasurer's hands,		<hr/> \$116.17





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NOTICE.

THE next annual Convention of this Diocese will be held in CHRIST CHURCH, BETHEL, on the third Wednesday of September, 1849.

GEORGE B. MANSEY,
Secretary.

FORM OF CERTIFICATE FOR LAY-DELEGATES.

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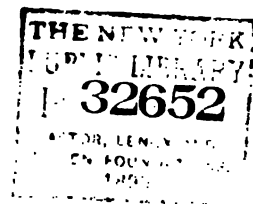
N—— M——,
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CHRIST CHURCH, BETHEL, }
September 19th, 1849. }

This being the day appointed for the meeting of the Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Vermont, the Bishop, Clergy and Lay Delegates assembled in Christ Church, Bethel, and at nine o'clock, A. M. the Convention called to order by the Right Revd. Bishop of the Diocese, *Scio*; the Revd. Geo. B. Manser being Secretary.

On calling the list of the Clergy entitled to seats in the Convention, and of the Parishes entitled to representation therein, a number of the Clergy and Laity was found to be present, and the Convention was duly organized.

The Clergy present were

The Right Revd. JOHN HENRY HOPKINS, D. D.,

The Revd. Albert H. Bailey,

“ “ Henry Blackaller,

“ “ Joel Clapp, D. D.,

“ “ Oliver Hopson,

“ “ Geo. B. Manser,

“ “ Josiah Perry,

“ “ Ezekiel H. Sayles,

“ “ Josiah Swett,

The Lay Delegates present were as follows:—

St. Peter's Church, Bennington: Buckley Squires.

Christ Church, Bethel: Paul Flynn, Asa Davis.

St. Paul's Church, Burlington : Geo. B. Shaw, Wm. Atwater.

St. Stephen's Church, Middlebury : Edward Wainwright, Jedh. S. Bushnell.

St. John's Church, Poultney : C. Munroe.

Trinity Church, Rutland : Geo. Graves, Charles Clement.

Trinity Church, Shelburne : George Bliss.

On motion, the Hon. Edmund Weston, a Lay Delegate from Grace Church, Randolph, was admitted to a seat in the Convention, without producing the certificate of his election.

On motion, St. James's Parish, Castleton, was re-admitted into union with the Convention, and J. G. Whitlock appeared as Lay Delegate therefrom, and was admitted to a seat in Convention.

On motion,

Resolved, That Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church, not canonically entitled to seats in this Convention, and all Candidates for Holy Orders in this Church, who may be present, be, and hereby are, invited to attend the sitting of this Convention.

The Revd. Jedediah Huntington, M. D., of the Diocese of South Carolina, the Rev. Wm. Alfred Jenks, of the Diocese of New York, the Rev. Josiah Obear and the Rev. Richard F. Cadle; Messrs. John H. Hopkins, Jr., Gemont Graves and S. Chipman Thrall, Candidates for Holy Orders, were present, and took seats in the Convention, under the above resolution.

The Convention then proceeded to the choice of Secretary, for the year ensuing; and the ballots being taken, the Revd. Geo. B. Manser was unanimously re-elected.

On proceeding to the choice of Treasurer, Nahum Parker, Esq., of Middlebury, was re-elected unanimously.

On motion,

The Convention took a recess till two o'clock this afternoon, for the purpose of attending Divine Service.

Morning prayer was said by the Rev. John A. Hicks, D. D. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Ezekiel H. Sayles: after which the Holy Communion was administered by the Right Revd. Bishop of the Diocese, assisted by the Revd. Dr. Hicks.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Convention re-assembled, pursuant to adjournment.

The Revd. John A. Hicks, D. D., and the Rev. Charles Cleveland, not present at the opening of the Convention in the morning, appeared, and took their seats in the Convention.

The following Lay Delegates, who were not present in the morning, appeared, and were duly admitted to seats in the Convention :—

Immanuel Church, Bellows Falls : Henry F. Green, Joseph M. Webb.

Grace Church, Randolph : Phinehas Moulton.

St. James's Church, Woodstock : Darius Blake.

The Right Revd. Bishop appointed the following gentlemen a Committee on Finance, viz. : Edmund Weston, Geo. B. Shaw and Buckley Squires.

The Right Revd. Bishop of the Diocese then delivered his annual

ADDRESS.

BRETHREN :—

The kind Providence of our Heavenly Father has again enabled us to meet together in our Annual Convention, to hear the progress of the Church of Christ within our borders, to consult upon the means required for its prosperity, and to unite our praises to His mercy for the blessings of the past, with our earnest supplications to the Throne of Grace that the time to come may be marked by a large increase of our fidelity and usefulness. The first duty of the occasion, on the part of your Bishop, is to lay before you the record of his official acts, since the last Convention, after which may be presented the general statistics of the Diocese, with a few remarks on some incidental issues worthy of our attention.

On Thursday, December 14th, 1848, I enjoyed the privilege of participating to the services of our holy religion, the new and commodious edifice of Grace Church, Randolph, being assisted by reverend brethren, Drs. Clap, of Bellows Falls, and Hicks, of Randolph, and Messrs. Manser, of Montpelier, and Swett, of Bethel. A crowded congregation attended, to testify their interest in the unity. An excellent organ, on which the maker of the instrument performed with skill and feeling ; a choir of able singers ;





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considering the time of year, which was not well-suited to the business of an agricultural population.

From Enosburgh I proceeded, in the afternoon, to Grace Church, Sheldon, along with the Rector, Rev. Mr. Fitch, where he officiated in the service, and I preached and confirmed two persons. The congregation was larger than usual, and appeared seriously engaged. But they still continue to worship in their old building, although not without the expression of strong intentions to erect a new one, which, in truth, is sadly needed, on every ground of religious consistency, as well as personal comfort.

On Friday, August 10th, I visited St. John's Church, Highgate, where I preached, the Rev. Mr. Batchelder, the Rector, assisting in the services.

The 12th of August, being the 10th Sunday after Trinity, I passed at Alburgh, where a small parish, named St. Luke's, had been once organized by the zeal of Rev. Mr. Townsend, of Clarenceville, Lower Canada, and where several families still remain, as strongly attached to the Church as ever. The terminus of the Northern rail-road in their immediate neighborhood is expected to have a favorable effect on the population and business of this fertile region. It has the further advantage of possessing the well-known mineral springs, whose reputation is constantly increasing. Our friends in that quarter are therefore sanguine in the hope of seeing their old organization renewed, with better auspices, and a Church edifice erected in due time; and hence they requested me to give them the services of Sunday. And the minister and brethren of the Methodist Society, which is the only one established in the place, very kindly and liberally consented to grant the use of their house of worship for the occasion. The congregations were very large, both morning and afternoon, and the interest displayed was apparently as strong and general as our best friends could have expected.

I had sent notice to the effect that, if it were desired, I would preach at Swanton Falls, on Saturday, on my way to Alburgh. But as, unfortunately, I received no answer, I was obliged to infer that the day was not convenient, and so passed through without stopping, in order to save the time of the person who conveyed me from Highgate. I was mortified not a little to learn, on my

arrival at Alburgh, that an appointment had been actually made for me to officiate in the afternoon. But it was too late to return in season, and therefore I was compelled to let it go, under the hope of making up for it on some future occasion.

August 20th being Monday, I visited Union Church, St. Albans, where I preached to a large and serious congregation, and confirmed eleven persons, the Rector, Rev. Charles Fay, assisting. The state of the parish seemed to be encouraging and prosperous.

September the 9th, being the fourteenth Sunday after Trinity, I visited Christ Church, Montpelier, where I preached, morning and afternoon, the Rector, Rev. George B. Manser, assisting. At the second service, five persons were confirmed, in the presence of a large congregation, whose serious deportment and earnest attention gave evidence of more than common interest. It was, altogether an occasion to be remembered with thankfulness by us all.

On Monday, the 10th of September, I proceeded to Grace Church, Randolph, which had secured the services of the Rev. J. Obear, soon after the time when their edifice was consecrated. Here I found a full congregation, and an excellent spirit of zeal. A large number of adult baptisms were administered, and after preaching a discourse, I confirmed eighteen persons. The evening prayer, the lessons and the baptisms, were divided between Rev. Messrs. Obear and Manser; the music was unusually good, and seldom have I been privileged to witness a more gratifying and impressive scene of religious feeling.

From Randolph, I proceeded to St. James's Church, Woodstock, on Tuesday, September 11th, where I preached in the afternoon, to an attentive, though not large, congregation, and confirmed four persons, the Rector, Rev. Mr. Herrick, assisting. Since my previous visit, the arrangement of the chancel had been altered, and greatly improved; and the condition of the parish, as I trust, is advancing.

Wednesday, September 12th, I visited St. Paul's Church, Windsor, where I preached, and confirmed two persons, the Rev. Josiah Perry, who has been the Rector of this Parish for some months, assisting in the services. I made another visit to them on the evening of Sunday last, on which occasion I preached to a much larger congregation. An adult was baptized, and two persons

more were confirmed, Rev. Mr. Perry assisting. This Church, I am happy to say, is reviving slowly but surely, from its former state of extreme depression.

I next proceeded to Christ Church, Guilford, where I preached, on Friday the 14th September, Rev. John B. Pradt, the Rector, assisting. It was highly gratifying to me, to find their new parsonage so far advanced towards completion, that an expenditure of two hundred dollars more will suffice to finish it ; thus adding very seriously to the comfort of their worthy pastor, and to the stability of the Church, in the regularity and permanence of her ministrations.

September the 16th, being the fifteenth Sunday after Trinity, I visited Imanuel Church, Bellows Falls. Here I preached, morning and afternoon, to large and serious congregations ; the Rector, Rev. Dr. Clap, performed the usual services, and I confirmed five persons. The great improvement of the Church Cemetery since my last visitation, was a gratifying proof of their zeal for the progress of external order ; and, in common with other things, gave evidence of the spirit which loves to promote the prosperity of Zion.

From Bellows Falls, I proceeded to St. Paul's Church, Royalton, on Monday, the 17th September, where I preached to a small but serious congregation, the Rev. Josiah Swett, under whose charge it is placed, assisting in the service.

And yesterday, being Tuesday, the 18th day of September, I visited Christ Church, Bethel, preached in the afternoon, and confirmed four persons, Rev. Josiah Swett, the Rector, assisting. Here, too, I was much gratified to find that the parish had secured the great advantage of a parsonage ; and I earnestly hope that they may be privileged, in due season, to behold a goodly increase, both in numbers and in zeal, to reward the faithful labors of their pastor.

Thus I have completed the circuit of the Diocese, and am thankful in being authorised to say that everywhere, making allowance for a few local and temporary difficulties, the state of the Church seems progressive and encouraging. The number of confirmations bears gratifying evidence of this, being one hundred and twenty-eight, whereas, last year, there were only sixty-six.

Let us acknowledge, as we ought, this token for good, and let it stimulate us to an increase of our efforts and our zeal, in humble dependence on Him, who is the fountain of every blessing.

The ministerial changes of the past year are the following :—

The Rev. E. F. Remington was ordained to the Office of Deacon, at Randolph, on the 14th of September last ; the Rev. Mr. Cadle has been received into the Diocese, from Western New York, and the Rev. Josiah Obear has taken charge, since April last, of the Church in Randolph, although it is not yet certain that his health will allow him to leave, altogether, the Diocese of South Carolina, to which he belongs. The Rev. Josiah Perry has been laboring very acceptably at Windsor, and all of the Reverend brethren reported at our last Convention, continue still canonically connected with us. Our present list, therefore, shows an accession of two names—making in the whole, twenty-three clergymen, including the Bishop. But of these, I ought to add, that there are no less than six who are not in charge of any parish. Two are disabled by ill health, and two others are not residing in the Diocese, nor have I any information whatever, as to their location ; a fact which is quite inconsistent with the principles of our ecclesiastical organization, although we have not, as yet, adopted any canonical mode of preventing the anomaly.

I am authorised to report but three candidates for Holy Orders.

Mr. Stephen Chipman Thrull, reported at the last Convention, is still pursuing his studies at the General Theological Seminary.

Mr. Gemont Graves and Mr. Wm. R. Johnson have made application since we last met together, and being duly approved, are regularly entered on the list. Two others have applied, but their cases did not receive the sanction of the Standing Committee.

The number of our vacant parishes is much larger than it should be. Fairfield and Fairfax, Middlebury and Bennington, are destitute of any regular ministerial services, to say nothing of one other, which has only made a provisional arrangement. I trust we shall yet see the time when not only all our Churches will be full, but additional laborers will be occupied in our field of missionary operation.

The Board of Land Agents held their annual meeting at Middlebury, on the 10th of July, being the second Tuesday of the month,

and amongst their other acts, they passed a vote directing the account of the Treasurer to be presented at the Convention, and published in the appendix of the Journal. I have long been desirous to have this course adopted, but circumstances have prevented it from being done before. From this time forth, however, I doubt not that you will have the satisfaction of seeing all the items, year by year, of the income of this fund, and its expenditure, in the only shape which can prevent the risk of misapprehension.

When we look, my brethren, from our limited circle of ecclesiastical labor, to the Church throughout the Union, we have cause of gratitude to our Almighty Redeemer for the steady advancement of her interests, and of a wholesome state of concord and peace, in almost every quarter. Her missions, with but one marked exception, appear to be reasonably prosperous. Her doctrine is extending itself into the new territory of California. Two dioceses, Mississippi and Indiana, have elected Bishops, who will give them, we trust, the practical advantage of a resident episcopacy. Her General Theological Seminary is growing again, as we believe, into the confidence which it deserves. Her local institutions, Colleges and Schools, are increasing in numbers and in influence. Even her occasional interruptions of harmony, from the various imperfections and personal collisions inseparable from human infirmity, only serve to demonstrate the invincible strength and substantial unity of her principles. Like the winds which blow upon the surface of the ocean, but never stir the peaceful depths below, even so the disputes and controversies which have occupied the press, and agitated a portion of the clergy, at times, with alarming violence, have had no perceptible effect upon the mass of her ministers and people. This blessed result, however, can by no means be attributed to our wisdom or sagacity. Our piety and patience can claim no share in the work, which the favor of God has vouchsafed to perform in behalf of His own divine system. And therefore, while we acknowledge the fact, with humble thankfulness, we are bound, in all sincerity, to apply to it the language of the Psalmist: "Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name give the praise, for thy mercy and truth's sake."

And if we extend our view beyond our own horizon, and survey

our beloved Mother Church, in whose welfare we must always feel the liveliest sympathy, we cannot fail to behold the same increase of energy and influence, only on a far grander scale. The multiplication of her sanctuaries, of her colonial Bishopricks and of her schools, the waning power of her most determined enemies, the firmer tone employed in the enforcement of her rights, and the constantly growing conviction that she is not only the Church established by Parliament, but the Church established by the power of the Most High, in the hearts of the people,—all bear testimony to her onward course, as the most faithful and honored instrument in the hand of God, for the work of the Gospel dispensation. True, she has her share of strife, dispute and controversy ; and indeed our own portion of these necessary evils is, for the most part, an exotic growth, engrafted from her diversities. But there, as well as here, the shaking of the branches has only served to manifest the strength of the root ; and the few misshapen twigs which have been blown away, have left, heightened and improved, the vigor and lustre of her spreading foliage. I trust the time is not far distant, when the good Providence of God may enable her to rise above the difficulties which result from her anomalous dependence on secular jurisdiction. Then she will be capable of putting forth new energy in her proper vocation, and become a yet more expressive emblem of that tree of life, which bears “ twelve manner of fruits, and whose leaves are for the healing of the nations.”

But while we have so much ground for thankfulness in the unity and progress of the Church, at home and abroad, I cannot conclude without acknowledging that there is another view of our condition which presents a very different aspect. There is a melancholy prevalence of apathy and worldliness amongst our people. We have no merit to claim, on the score of eminent zeal and devotion to the higher interests of our spiritual nature. The love of gain and of pleasure, the lust of the eye and the pride of life, the license of the young, the lack of family government in the old, the want of Christian teaching in our common schools, the low state of pastoral discipline, the penurious and stinted support of the Gospel and its ministry, and the growing impatience of every form of domestic, religious and legal subordi-

nation—alas, what a picture of gloom and discouragement might be formed from these elements, in the state of our own land, and of Christendom in general ! Nor ought I to forget that the past year has exhibited many impressive lessons of warning to the people of God. The awful pestilence has again made the circuit of the world ; wars and insurrections have desolated many nations ; destructive conflagrations have raged amongst our cities ; the rains of Heaven have been withheld from their accustomed abundance, and a drought of rare severity has borne hard upon our harvests ; iniquity and crime seem to be fearfully on the increase, and although the judgments of the Almighty have been abroad in the earth, its inhabitants refuse to learn righteousness. Let us take these solemn admonitions, my brethren, home to our own hearts, and humble ourselves for our personal share in the delinquency of our age and country. The Lord has favored us with the lightest measure of correction—with the best privileges—with the brightest lot—with the largest circle of blessings amongst the nations, both as Christians and as men. Should we not remember that to them of whom much is given, much will also be required ? O may He grant us grace to be more faithful in His service, more zealous for His truth, more useful to His Church, more holy in our hearts, more exemplary in our life and conversation. Then may we hope that His favor will rest upon our ministry, and make it more and more effectual in establishing His Kingdom upon the earth. Then may we trust that we shall be able to render our account to Him, with joy and not with grief, in the great and final day, when He shall come to judge the world, and exalt His spiritual Church to their heritage of glory.

The Bishop's address being concluded, the Parochial Reports were called for and presented, when,

On motion,

Ordered, That the reading of the Parochial Reports be dispen

and with, and that they be printed as usual in the Journal. [*See Appendix.*]

On motion,

Resolved, That the Convention do now proceed to elect the Standing Committee for the year ensuing.

The ballots being taken, the following persons were duly elected :—

The Rev. John A. Hicks, D. D.,

“ “ Joel Clap, D. D.,

“ “ Geo. B. Manser,

The Hon. Isaac F. Redfield,

Geo. B. Shaw, Esq.,

Ozias Seymour, Esq.

The following persons were duly elected Clerical and Lay Deputies to the next General Convention :—

CLERICAL DEPUTIES.—The Rev. Joel Clap, D. D.; Rev. John Hicks, D. D.; Rev. Geo. B. Manser; Rev. Henry Blackaller.

LAY DEPUTIES.—Hon. Charles R. Williams, Hon. Isaac F. Redfield, Geo. B. Shaw, Esq., A. O. Aldis, Esq.

The Rev. Charles Fay was appointed preacher before the next Convention, the Rev. John B. Pradt to be his substitute. The Rev. M. A. Herrick was appointed to preach the Missionary Sermon, the evening before the meeting of the next Annual Convention; the Rev. John A. Fitch to be his substitute.

The Committee on Finance made the following report, which was adopted by the Convention; to wit :—

The Committee on Finance recommend the following assessments to be made upon the several Parishes of the Diocese, to meet the current expenses of the year:

Union Church, Montgomery,	-	-	-	\$3.00
Salvary Church, Berkshire,	-	-	-	3.00
Christ-Church, Enosburgh,	-	-	-	2.00
Grace Church, Sheldon,	-	-	-	2.00
Trinity Church, Rutland,	-	-	-	8.00
Union Church, St. Albans,	-	-	-	10.00
St. John's Church, Highgate,	-	-	-	5.00
Christ-Church, Fairfax,	-	-	-	2.00

Trinity Church, Fairfield,	-	-	-	2.05
St. Paul's Church, Burlington,	-	-	-	10.00
Trinity Church, Shelburn,	-	-	-	4.00
St. Paul's Church, Vergennes,	-	-	-	5.00
St. Stephen's Church, Middlebury,	-	-	-	8.00
St. Thomas' Church, Brandon,	-	-	-	2.00
St. John's Church, Poultney,	-	-	-	4.00
St. Paul's Church, Wells,	-	-	-	2.00
Zion Church, Manchester,	-	-	-	6.00
St. James' Church, Arlington,	-	-	-	8.00
Christ Church, Guilford,	-	-	-	2.00
Immanuel Church, Bellows Falls,	-	-	-	8.00
St. Paul's Church, Windsor,	-	-	-	4.00
St. James' Church, Woodstock,	-	-	-	6.00
Christ Church, Bethel,	-	-	-	2.00
St. Paul's Church, Royalton,	-	-	-	2.00
Christ Church, Montpelier,	-	-	-	4.00
Grace Church, Randolph,	-	-	-	2.00
St. James' Church, Castleton,	-	-	-	2.00
St. Peter's Church, Bennington,	-	-	-	4.00

\$122.00

E. WESTON,
GEO. B. SHAW,
BUCKLE & SQUIRES, } *Committee of Finance.*

In Convention, September 19, 1849.

The Treasurer reported the following Parishes as having paid their several assessments for the year 1848 :—

Union Church, Montgomery,	-	-	-	\$3.00
Calvary Church, Berkshire,	-	-	-	3.00
Christ Church, Enosburgh,	-	-	-	2.00
Grace Church, Sheldon,	-	-	-	2.00
Christ Church, Fairfax,	-	-	-	2.00
Trinity Church, Fairfield,	-	-	-	2.00
St. Paul's Church, Vergennes,	-	-	-	5.00
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Christ-Church, Bethel,	-	-	-	2.00
St. Paul's Church, Burlington,	-	-	-	10.00
Trinity Church, Rutland,	-	-	-	8.00
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				\$90.00

The following Parishes were reported by the Treasurer as delinquent in the payment of the sums assessed upon them for the year 1848 :—

St. John's Church, Highgate,	-	-	-	\$5.00
Union Church, St. Alban's,	-	-	-	10.00
St. Paul's Church, Windsor,	-	-	-	4.00
Trinity Church, Shelburne,	-	-	-	4.00
St. Paul's Church, Royalton,	-	-	-	2.00
Christ-Church, Montpelier,	-	-	-	4.00
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				\$29.00

The Treasurer of the Convention then made his Annual Report, which was adopted.

The Treasurer also reported the state of the funds placed in his hands for the relief of aged and infirm Clergymen, and the widows and orphans of deceased Clergymen in the Diocese, who stand in need of assistance ; and also the state of the Missionary Fund of the Diocese, all which were severally adopted. [*See Appendix.*]

The Treasurer of "The Board of Agency in Vermont, of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts," made a report of the condition of the funds in his hands, which report was

Ordered To be printed with the Journal. [*See Appendix.*]

On motion,

Resolved, That a Committee of two persons be appointed, to act in conjunction with the Right Rev. Bishop, in revising the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese : to report at the next Annual Convention.

Rev. Dr. Hicks and George B. Shaw, Esq., were appointed said Committee by the Convention.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Secretary be, and hereby is, authorized to cause six hundred copies of the Journal of this Convention to be printed ; and, in addition to the provision made by the Canon upon the subject, to send six copies of the same to each Clergyman of the Diocese, by mail, unless otherwise instructed by the Clergyman himself.

The minutes of the proceedings of the Convention were then read and approved.

On motion,

Resolved, That after the customary religious services, this Convention do adjourn.

Thereupon, after singing a selection from the Psalms in metre, and the usual prayers and benediction by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

JOHN HENRY HOPKINS, D. D.,

President of the Convention.

Attest, GEORGE B. MANSEY, *Secretary.*

APPENDIX I.,

PAROCHIAL REPORTS,

ALPHABETICALLY ARRANGED, ACCORDING TO THE LOCALITY.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, ARLINGTON,

THE REV. FREDERICK AUGUSTUS WADLEIGH, RECTOR.

Families, (comprising adults, 198, children, 88, total, 286,) 64 ; baptisms, (adults, 5, children 1,) 6 ; confirmed, 12 ; marriages, 3 ; burials, 12 ; communicants, (added anew, 11, removed into the parish, 3, removed from the parish, 2, died 3,) present number 106, of whom 8 are non residents ; catechumens, about 30.

Contributions,—Alms at the Holy Communion, exclusive of

the Easter collection,	\$15.80
For Diocesan Missions,	29.16
For General Missions, Domestic,	25.70
Foreign,	17.31
Easter collection for aged and infirm Clergymen, &c ,	10.84
For the Contingent Fund of the Diocese,	8.00
For other purposes,	26.50

Total, \$133.31

Public worship—on Sundays, twice ; on other days, every Friday evening throughout the year. Also on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, Christmas Day, the State Fast and Thanksgiving, and the National Fast, one service each, in the morning.

The Holy Eucharist has been administered six times.

The children have been catechised occasionally by the Rector.

NOTE.—Under the head of " Families " in these reports is meant to be given the number of households, the heads of which, with the inmates generally, are properly regarded as members of the congregation. In the number of persons, however, given in the parenthesis, it is intended that not only those shall be actually comprised who (of whatever age) are members of the households enumerated, but also such other individuals, not members of those households, as usually attend the services of the church ; and, in like manner, other children who are catechumens.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, BURLINGTON,

THE RIGHT REV. JOHN H. HOPKINS, D. D., RECTOR.

Families, 77, (adults, 175, children and youth, 206, total, 381;) students of college and other transient persons, about 30; baptisms, (adults, 5, children 20,) 25; confirmed, 20; communicants, removed, 6, died, 2, added 16, total number, 191; Sunday scholars, boys, 28, girls, 50, total 78; superintendent and teachers, 11; marriages, 5; burials, 8.

Contributions, —For alms at the Holy Communion,	\$93.00
For General Missions, Foreign,	31.83
Domestic,	35.00
Constantinople,	25.62
For Diocesan Missions,	47.53
For Aged and Infirm Clergymen,	10.96
For Contingent Fund,	10.00
For Sunday School Library,	19.50
For Prayer Books and Tracts,	51.00

Public services regular, morning and evening on each Lord's Day, on the great Festivals and Thanksgiving Day, on Ash Wednesday, and thereafter morning prayer, twice a week, on Wednesdays and Fridays, through Lent; morning and evening, with sermons on Good Friday; and a course of evening lectures on the evidences of Christianity, seven Sundays after Easter; and Fast Day, on account of the Cholera, with sermon. The Communion has been administered on the first Sunday of every month, on Christmas Day, Easter Day, and Whit-Sunday.

The parish is in a growing and prosperous state, so far as external circumstances indicate; but the Rector cannot affirm, with confidence, that its spiritual condition is improving. He has rather reason to fear that the too general complaint of increasing worldliness, which seems to infest the Church at large, in these days of strong commercial speculative and political excitement, may be applied, with considerable justice, to his own pastoral charge, in common with others. Still, speaking comparatively, while there is much to lament, there is also much for which he ought to be devoutly thankful.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, BRANDON,

REV. A. H. BAILEY, RECTOR.

Families, (comprising 53 adults and 36 children—89 persons,) 16; baptisms, (adults, 4, children 7,) 11; confirmations, 6; communicants, (removed into the parish, 1, from the parish, 2, added anew, 6,) present number, 25; marriages, 6; burials, 2; catechumens, (boys, 5, girls, 7,) 12.

Contributions,—Offerings at the Holy Communion for

Diocesan Missions,	\$10.60
For General Domestic Missions,	11.00
For General Foreign Missions,	9.00
For Mission to Constantinople,	4.00
For Aged and Infirm Clergymen, &c.,	4.51
For Prayer Books,	1.60
For Bishop White's Prayer Book Society,	2.60
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	\$43.31
For the Contingent Fund of the Diocese,	2.00
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Total,	\$45.31

Public worship regular, twice each Lord's Day, until Easter last, and seven-eighths of the Sundays since; two Sundays being excepted; Wednesday evenings, during the winter, in the east part of the town, ten times; Sunday evenings, during the summer, in the east part of the town, fourteen times. Occasional, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Epiphany, Ash Wednesday, Wednesday before Easter, Good Friday, Ascension and the National Fast Day, August 3rd.

The Holy Communion has been administered fourteen times.

The attendance of the children at the Sunday School has been lamentably irregular, though in some measure unavoidably so. Such as have been present have received catechetical instruction from their teachers and the pastor, and one public address.

About one-fourth of our small congregation have removed from the parish during the past year, whose places have not been filled by others coming into the parish. The occasional attendance of others residing here, has been so much greater, that the average congregation has not been less than before. A serious review of the year past, furnishes occasion for gratitude, humility, and renewed effort.

During the vacancy of St. Stephen's Church, Middlebury, the Rector has officiated in that Church, once at the burial of an aged communicant, and twice on Sundays, administering the Holy Communion.

And during the year, ending at Easter next, he has officiated and is to officiate, one-eighth of the Sundays in St. James Church, (Hydeville in) Castleton, according to an arrangement, which will be reported by Rev. O. Hopson, who has the primary charge of the parish.

CHRIST-CHURCH, BETHEL,

THE REV. JOSIAH SWETT, RECTOR.

Families, 26; confirmed, 4; Marriages 1; burials, 1; communicants, added, 5; died, 1; present number, 59; catechumens, 8.

Contributions,—Alms at the Holy Communion,	\$37.41
From other sources,	3.94

Appropriated as follows:—

For relief of the poor,	\$11.54
For General Missions,	5.00
For Mission at Constantinople,	9.00
For relief of aged and infirm Clergymen,	6.00
For Prayer Books and Tracts,	6.50
For Contingent Fund of Diocese,	2.00
For other purposes,	1.31
Total,	\$41.35

Public Worship has been celebrated, morning and evening, on each Sunday, and also on the principal Festivals and Fasts throughout the year. When the Rector has been absent on the Sabbath, there has been Lay-reading.

The Holy Communion has been administered twelve times, generally on the third Sunday in each month.

The children have been catechised a portion of the year, openly in the Church, after the second lesson in the afternoon; the catechising on each occasion occupying fifteen minutes, and not excluding sermon.

Two Sundays the Rector officiated in Grace Church, Randolph, previous to the Rev. Mr. Obear's taking charge of that parish; on one of which he baptized an infant.

This Church, in temporary matters, is in a better condition than one year ago; and it is humbly trusted that in spiritual matters also, it has made some advance.

CALVARY CHURCH, EAST BERKSHIRE,

REV. E. H. SAYLES, RECTOR.

Families, 33; baptised, 1 adult; confirmed, 2; married, 1; burials, 3; communicants, (added anew, 4,) 57; catechumens, 30.

Contributions,—Alms at the Holy Communion,	\$5.02
Foreign Missions,	7.00
Contingent Fund of the Diocese,	3.00

Total,	\$15.02
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Public services regular, morning and evening, on each Lord's Day

conducted one half the time by the Lay-reader. Occasional, on the greater Festivals and Fasts; and also on those appointed by the Governor. Usually a third service is held in different parts of the parish.

The Holy Communion is administered about eight times a year.

Our large and spacious church yard has been ornamented with shade trees, and means provided for surrounding the whole with a new and substantial fence; and upon the whole, the condition and prospects of this parish are encouraging.

IMMANUEL CHURCH, BELLOWS FALLS,

REV. JOEL CLAP, D. D. RECTOR,

Families, (comprising adults, 226, children, 168, total, 394,) 80; baptisms, infants, 5; marriages 12; funerals, 11; confirmed, 5; communicants, added, 5, removed into the parish, 2, removed from the parish, 1, died 2, present number, 158.

Contributions,—Alms at the Holy Communion,	\$31.88
For Domestic Missions,	12.00
For Diocesan Missions,	14 05
For Aged and Infirm Clergymen, &c.,	16.17
For Contingent Fund of the Diocese,	8.00
For fencing and otherwise improving the Church yard,	200.00
By the Ladies' Circle of Industry, towards paying the debt for the parsonage, &c., about	150.00
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	\$432.10

Public worship,—Morning and evening prayer and sermon on Sundays, throughout the year; an evening service in the lecture room, on Sundays, during the winter, and on Wednesday and Friday evening during Lent; morning prayer during Passion week; morning prayer and sermon, or lecture, on Christmas Day, Good Friday, Thanksgiving Day, State and National Fast Days and Ash Wednesday, and evening prayer and sermon on Christmas Eve.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BENNINGTON.

It is the painful duty of the Vestry of this church to announce to the Convention, that their church is again vacant.

Since, however, the last Annual Convention, they have had the services of the Rev. E. F. Remington, (Deacon,) who commenced officiating the Sunday next before Christmas, and continued so to do until the 25th day of July last, when circumstances made it necessary that his services should cease.

The parish consists of some eighteen or twenty families, and about thirty communicants. Although we have been sorely tried, the past few months, by a most indiscreet and inconsistent minister, yet we do not despair, and are now engaged in painting and repairing our Church edifice, in hope that we may yet find a judicious, self-denying and faithful pastor, whose services being without interruption, will ensure the steady and healthy growth of the parish.

U. L. COCKSON, *Secretary.*

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, CASTLETON,

REV. O. HOPSON, *RECTOR.*

On the 4th Sunday after Easter, with the approbation of the Bishop, I commenced services at Hydeville, a flourishing village in the town of Castleton.

It appears that on September 11th, 1843, an Episcopal Society was formed in this town, "to be known and designated by the title of St. James' Protestant Episcopal church;" but services being discontinued after a short period, the parish for several years past, has not been numbered among the parishes of the Diocese. Its original organization, however, it is thought, has not been lost. The prospects of this parish are, at present, highly encouraging. The congregations are large, and a good spirit appears to prevail. According to present arrangements, this parish is to be supplied with one-fourth services, for a year,—one-half of which to be rendered by the Rev. Mr. Bailey, of Brandon, and the other half by myself. Since my connection with the parish, I have baptised two adults and one child. One person has been confirmed, and one added anew to the Communion. The number of communicants is ten. The Holy Communion has been once administered: alms \$3.95.

It is deemed very important that this parish should receive such encouragement, as to be led to secure at least, religious services for another year.

In addition to the above, I have officiated once in the school-house at Castleton Corners, and once in the Town House in Castleton village.

CHRIST-CHURCH, ENOSBURGH,

REV. JOHN A. FITCH, *RECTOR.*

Baptisms, infants, 2; burials, 1; marriages, 2; confirmed, 2; communicants added, 3, died, 1.

Contributions,—For Foreign Missions,	\$4.25
For Domestic Missions,	4.25
For Diocesan Missions,	2.00

For Contingent Fund,	2.00
For Bible and Prayer Book Society,	3.00

In addition to the regular services, one half of the time on the Sabbath, services were held occasionally during the winter, at the centre of the town.

The present state of this parish is quite encouraging.

CHRIST-CHURCH, GUILFORD,

REV. JOHN B. PRADT, RECTOR.

Families, (comprising adults, 118, children, 113, total, 231,) 46; baptisms, 6 children; marriages, parishoners, 6, non-parishoners, 8, total, 14; burials, 2; communicants, (added anew, 1, received into the parish, 1, removed from the parish, 3, died, 1,) present number, 64.

Contributions,—Alms at the Holy Communion, \$38.49

Appropriated as follows:—

Diocesan Missions,	\$3.00
Domestic Missions,	4.00
Foreign Missions,	4.00
Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergymen,	5.00
Other purposes,	22.49

Including \$100 reported last year, nearly \$500 have been raised in the parish, towards the erection of a parsonage. We have realized in all, thus far, about \$700. Our thanks are due to the Board of Agents (in this Diocese) of "The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign parts" for an appropriation of \$100 towards the object. Suitable buildings have been erected, and it is intended that they shall be completed before the ensuing winter. To accomplish this, however, we shall need further aid from the hand of charity. The completion of a parsonage will add materially to the ability of the parish, to sustain a Clergyman. The Parish has experienced, in a large degree, during many years past, the depressing influence consequent upon the frequent removals of families and communicants; that it has been sustained, by God's blessing, through all discouragements, gives us good hope for the future.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, HIGHGATE,

REV. C. R. BATCHELDER, RECTOR.

The condition of this parish is much the same as at the last Convention. The attendance on public worship has been rather more general and uniform than during the previous year. The Church has been open for divine service twice each Sunday; and for morning service on the several Festivals and Fasts of the year. Besides this, I have said evening prayer

and lectured several times in a school house, in a distant part of the parish.

The Holy Communion has been administered thirteen times. I have attended four funerals. There have been three marriages and five baptisms. The number of names on the list of those who have been communicants is fifty; but the number who come regularly to the Holy Communion is very small. The Sunday School in this parish, though not large, continues prosperous. The Library connected with it, contains over two hundred volumes, most of which are books of value.

CHRIST-CHURCH, MONTPELIER,

REV. GEO. B. MANSEY, RECTOR.

Families, (comprising adults and children, 175,) 45; baptisms, (adults, 2, children 5,) 7; confirmations, 5; marriages, 6; burials, 4; communicants, (added anew, 5, removed into the parish, 2, removed from the parish, 2,) present number. 37; catechumens, (boys, 12, girls, 25,) 37.

Contributions,—Alms at the Holy Communion, \$59.00

Public worship on Sundays regular, morning and evening; and on the great Festivals and Thanksgiving Day.

The Holy Eucharist has been administered once a month.

The children have been catechised occasionally in the Church; and a Sunday School is held on each Sunday, except when the Communion is administered, under the immediate charge of the Rector as Superintendent.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, MIDDLEBURY,

[VACANT.]

Families, (comprising adults, 132, children, 81, total, 213,) 50; baptisms, (adults, 3, children 11,) 14; burials, 6; communicants, (added anew, 7, removed into the parish, 1, removed from the parish, 3, died 6,) present number 86; catechumens, 30.

Contributions,—Alms at the Holy Communion, \$26.37

For General Domestic Missions, 10.00

For General Foreign Missions, 3.53

For Mission to Constantinople, 10.00

\$49.90

Public worship on every Sunday in the year, mostly by Lay reading; also on the principal Fasts and Festivals, and on Wednesdays and Fridays during Lent.

HORATIO SEYMOUR,
Senior Warden.

UNION CHURCH, MONTGOMERY,

REV. E. H. SAYLES, RECTOR.

Families, 30 ; burials, 2 ; communicants, 64 ; catechumens, 30.	
Contributions,— Alms at the Holy Communion,	\$5.51
For Foreign Missions,	4.00
Contingent Fund of the Diocese,	3.00
Repairs on the Church, about	60.00
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Total,	\$72.51

Public services regular, two on each Sunday, conducted alternately by the Rector and the Lay readers. Occasional, on the greater Festivals and Fasts ; and usually a third service is held in the different school houses of the parish.

The Holy Communion is administered about eight times a year.

The Church yard has been filled with ornamental trees. The Church edifice has been newly shingled, and partially re-painted. Union and harmony prevail in the congregation, and upon the whole, the condition and prospects of the parish were never better.

ZION CHURCH, MANCHESTER,

REV. HENRY BLACKALLER, RECTOR.

Families, (comprising adults, 114, children, 97, total, 211,) 40 ; baptisms, adults, 3 ; confirmed, 7 ; burials, 4 ; communicants, (added anew, 12, removed into the parish, 5, removed from the parish, 1, died, 1,) present number, 48 ; catechumens, (boys, 31, girls, 35,) in all 63, under 8 teachers.

Contributions,— Alms at the Holy Communion,	\$13.52
For General Missions, Domestic,	10.00
Foreign,	10.00
For the Contingent Fund of the Diocese,	6.00
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Total, \$39.52

Public worship on Sundays throughout the year, except in the months of March and April, when sickness prevented my officiating.

On other days, occasionally in the district school rooms near our parishioners ; and in the Church on the great Festivals and Thanksgiving Day, and on the State and National Fast Days.

The Holy Eucharist on the first Sunday of every month—with one exception ; omitted also on Easter, by reason of sickness.

The children have been catechised, such as have been baptized and are of age to receive instruction.

Although our labors were suspended during the month of March, and

until the middle of April, by reason of sickness, the prospects of the parish we think, were never more promising. The minds of a few have been awakened to a sense of sin, and we trust they have found mercy in Christ Jesus. Others also are in a hopeful state, and there appears to be a growing interest in the welfare of our Zion.

Could the Church edifice be enlarged, and the interior so arranged as to provide more sittings, and obviate certain inconveniences and annoyances, I see nothing to prevent the continued growth and prosperity of the Church in this place.

Our worthy parishioners, during our ministry among them, have readily responded to our suggestions for the improvement of our Church. In 1846 they undertook to remove the cupola and raise a square tower, with parapets, which gave an entirely new aspect to the building—more in keeping with architectural taste and beauty—at an expense exceeding \$200. Last year they procured an Æolian Organ, which cost them \$125; and now they are about to put up a new fence, which, when painted, we presume will cost about \$60.

May the Lord dispose their hearts more and more to cherish this vine of the Lord's planting among them, that generations yet unborn, seeing what their fathers "did in their day," may be moved to see that it bear fruit unto life eternal.

Twenty-six volumes of books have been added to the Parish Library, and seventy-five to the Sunday School Library.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, EAST POULTNEY,

REV. O. HOPSON, RECTOR.

Families, (comprising adults, 97, children 60, total, 157;) 42; baptisms, (adults, 3, children 7,) 10; confirmed, 6; marriages, 5; burials (1 extra parochial) 8; communicants, added anew, 7, lost by removal, 3, by death, 1, present number, 57; Sunday School teachers, 12, scholars 40.

Contributions,—Alms at the Holy Communion,	\$9 53
For General Foreign Missions,	5.00
For General Missions, Domestic,	10.50
For Diocesan Missions,	5.10
For Contingent Fund,	4.00
For Sunday School,	5.68
Contributed by the Ladies' Sewing Society, for sundry repairs,	50.00

\$89.81

Public worship twice, regularly, on alternate Sundays, and for a considerable portion of the year, a third service, in a remote part of the parish;

also on Thanksgiving Day, Ash Wednesday, on two Wednesday evenings in Lent, Good Friday, and the day recommended for a National Fast.

The Holy Communion has been administered six times in the Church, and on several occasions to the sick, in private houses.

In the month of February last, a convocation of Clergy was held in this parish, and, (as it is believed,) with happy effect.

In the list of services it may not be improper to include the funeral of a child, which I was called to attend, (in the absence of the Rector,) in Trinity Parish, Granville, N. Y.; and also with the Rev Mr. Bingham, the funeral of the Rev. Caleb S. Ives, in St. Stephen's Parish, Tinnmouth.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, ROYALTON,

THE REV. JOSEPH SWETT, RECTOR.

Families, 6; baptisms, (children,) 2; communicants, removed, 4; present number, 17.

Contributions,—Alms at the Holy Communion, \$8.24

Preaching and the Holy Communion on the first Sunday in the month, and Lay-reading on most of the other Sundays.

The Rector humbly prays that God would bestow his blessing on this Church, and make the weak in numbers strong.

GRACE CHURCH, RANDOLPH,

REV. JOSIAH OBEAR, MINISTER,

Families, 26; baptisms, (adults, 8, children 14,) total, 22; confirmations, 20; Sunday School teachers, 3, scholars 20; communicants, 56.

Alms at the Holy Communion, \$17.77

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper has been administered on the first Sunday of every month

The present minister took charge of this Church on the 6th of April last. Four of the baptisms, 1 adult and 3 children, and 2 of the confirmations above reported, took place previous to that time.

Divine service has been held in the Church, twice every Sunday, followed each time by a sermon; and also six times on other days. I have also preached once at Farewell Village, in the eastern part of the town, once in Montgomery, and once in East Berkshire.

I was, on several occasions, kindly assisted in the services of the Church by the Rev. Mr. Sabine, of the Diocese of Massachusetts.

The Church is furnished with a very fine-toned organ, built by Mr. William Nutting, of this place, to whose liberality we are largely indebted for the possession of the instrument.

The choir is composed entirely of communicants ; the music is excellent, and contributes much to the solemnity and interest felt in the impressive services of our Liturgy.

A suitable bell has lately been procured, at an expense of \$125.

It is the intention of the Vestry to build a parsonage, the ensuing summer, and as their means are not abundant, they will be obliged to ask for some assistance from abroad ; but when this last object is attained, they hope then to become self-supporting.

The existence and present prosperity of this parish, are almost entirely owing, through the blessing of God, to the efforts of a few pious and devoted Laymen of the Church. Being without a Church edifice, without a pastor, and without any, especially encouraging, circumstances, they, notwithstanding, went forward in faith and trust in the promises of God, and erected a very neat and appropriate House of Prayer, which was consecrated to the service of Almighty God, the last winter : the services of the Church have been held in it, on every Sunday since ; in the absence of the Clergyman by Lay-reading, and the result is the present prosperous and promising condition of this parish.

The success of these churchmen offers a strong inducement to others, in similar circumstances, to go and do likewise.

TRINITY CHURCH, RUTLAND,

REV. JOHN A. HICKS, RECTOR.

Families, (comprising adults, 130, children, 70, total, 200,) 53 ; baptisms, children, 6 ; confirmed, 2 ; marriages, 1 ; burials, 9 ; communicants, (added anew, 2, died 2,) present number, 73 ; catechumens, boys, 12, girls, 20.

Contributions,—Alms at the Holy Communion,	\$20.00
For Diocesan Missions,	7.00
For Contingent Fund of the Diocese,	4.00
For other purposes, Easter Fund,	7.00

GRACE CHURCH, SHELDON,

REV. MR. FITCH, RECTOR.

Baptisms, (adults, 1, infants, 1,) 2 ; confirmed, 2 ; marriages, 4 ; burials, 8 ; catechumens, about 25.

Contributions,—For Foreign Missions,	\$6.00
For Domestic Missions,	6.00
For Diocesan Missions,	2.00
For Bible and Prayer Book Society,	3.00
For Contingent Fund of the Diocese,	2.00

In addition to the regular services in the Church, services were

occasionally held during the winter, in a remote part of the parish.

In addition to the services reported above, the Rector has officiated one Sabbath in the Church at Fairfield, and administered the Communion, and held services six times in the north part of the town. He has likewise officiated at three funerals in Fairfield. At Fairfax he has preached three times, besides officiating at one funeral; and married one couple in Fairfield and one in Fairfax.

UNION CHURCH, ST. ALBANS,

REV. CHARLES FAY, RECTOR.

Families, 50, comprising, with other individuals, 250 persons; confirmed, 11; marriages, 1; burials, (including one in Swanton and one in Milton,) 6; communicants, removed, 8 died, 3, added, 22, present number, 106; Sunday scholars, 50, teachers, 10.

Contributions,—For alms at the Holy Communion,	\$43.54
For General Missions, Domestic,	20 00
For Sunday School Books,	25.95
For Contingent Fund,	10.00
For repairing the organ, (by the Ladies,)	44.00

Public services twice on Sundays; once on the great Festivals, Thanksgiving Day, and National Fast; on Ash Wednesday, and thereafter twice a week, with a sermon; on Wednesdays and Fridays through Lent, and every day in Passion week. Holy Communion on the first Sunday of every month. A third service is usually held on Sunday evening among the colored population, of whom there is a considerable number in St. Albans, and the results are good.

On the whole, the condition of this Parish is encouraging, and the Church, in spite of losses from heresy and schism, has yet, like the Apostolic Church in Philadelphia, "a little strength," and hopes for the blessing of "Him that openeth and no man shutteth; and shutteth and no man openeth."

TRINITY CHURCH, SHELBURNE,

REV. RICHARD F. CADLE, RECTOR.

My connexion with this Church commenced on the first of January last. I performed, however, several services in the month of December 1848, which are included in the statement.

Public services on Sundays, 79; public services on other days, 10. I have preached on Sundays 79 times; and on other days, including funeral sermons, 13 times.

The Bishop preached in Trinity Church, Shelburne, on the 6th of July last.

I have catechised the children belonging to this congregation 12 times. Baptisms, (2 adults and 3 children,) 5; burials, (1 child and 4 adults,) 5; communicants, 39, and one added, 40.

The Lord's Supper has been administered publicly, nine times.

I have delivered twelve Bible Class lectures, to a class of about twelve persons.

On the morning of Ash Wednesday last I officiated and preached in St. Stephen's Church, Middlebury; in which Church I again officiated on the morning of the following Friday. On the first Sunday in June I officiated and preached in St. John's Church, Sodus, Western New York, and administered the Holy Communion; and in the afternoon of that day I officiated and preached at Sodus Point.

Contributions,—For the Mission at Constantinople,	\$2.00
Communion Collections,	11.39½
(Of these collections 90 cents were applied to Diocesan Missions, and \$1.64 were contributed in aid of infirm Clergymen of this Diocese.) Three collections have been made expressly for Diocesan Missions, amounting to,	
	5.15
Contributions for parochial objects,	6.26
Total,	<hr/> \$24.70½

Twenty-five prayer books and a package of tracts have been received by me, from the Rev. Dr. Anthon, for distribution at Shelburne.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, TINMOUTH,

REV. MOORE BINGHAM, RECTOR.

Baptisms, (adults, 1, infants, 2,) 3; communicants, added, 3, total, 16; confirmed, 2.

An Episcopal Church and Parish were regularly organized in this town, on the 16th of January, 1837, under the name of St. Stephen's, by the Rev. D. B. Mason, deceased; but as the original record of organization has been lost, and no continuous annual elections of officers holden or recorded, it is doubtful whether this can now be represented as an organized parish.

Near the time of its organization, this parish bid fair to rise, gradually, to the condition of a strong and flourishing Church. But having, for a period of some ten years last past, been wholly destitute of stated ministrations, it had greatly declined in numbers, and fallen into a state of great spiritual languor and indifference. From this melancholy condition, after a year and a half of regular ministrations, it is but slowly recovering.

The present minister commenced regular services in the parish, one Sunday in four, in the month of May, 1849; and since Easter, has holden, and will hold, services here on alternate Sundays, excepting every eighth Sunday.

The congregation for the year and a half past has been moderately good, and evidently increasing; but the sad despondency, growing out of many years of adversity, has greatly diminished both the ability and disposition adequately to sustain the requisite amount of ministerial labor.

The feebleness of the parish, and the want of documentary information, have led to the omission of any contributions, except a very recent one, for the purchase of some catechisms for the children.

ST. JAMES CHURCH, WOODSTOCK,

REV. M. A. HERRICK, RECTOR.

Baptisms, (adults, 2, children 5,) 7; confirmations, 4; marriages, 2; burials, 1; communicants, (added anew, 4, removed into the parish, 1); catechumens.

Contributions,—Alms at the Holy Communion,	\$28.00
For General Missions, Domestic,	12.00
For General Foreign Missions,	3.00
For Contingent Fund of the Diocese,	8.00
For other purposes,	7.00
Total,	\$58.00

Public worship on Sundays, twice throughout the year; also on other days, every day during Passion Week; on Christmas Day, Christmas Eve and Good Friday.

The Holy Eucharist on the first Sunday in every month, and on Christmas Day.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, WELLS,

REV. O. HOPSON, RECTOR.

Families, (comprising adults, 35, children 35, total, 70;) 16; baptisms, children 3; burials, 1; communicants, added anew, 3, lost by death, 1, present number, 29; Sunday School teachers, 8, scholars 31.

Contributions,—Alms at the Holy Communion,	\$7.96
For General Domestic Missions,	3.00
For Diocesan Missions,	2.75
For the Contingent Fund,	2.00
	\$15.71

Public worship regular, on alternate Sundays, with the exception of

one Sunday in eight, devoted to St. James' Parish, Hydeville; also on Christmas Day, Christmas Eve, Good Friday, and occasionally a third service in different parts of the parish.

The Holy Communion has been administered six times in the Church, and occasionally to the sick and aged, in private houses.

The general condition of this parish has not materially changed since the last report.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, WINDSOR,

REV. JOSIAH PERRY, RECTOR.

Families, 26, including adults, 75, children, 31, total, 106; other persons usually attending the services of the Church, 15; communicants, 30, removed from the parish during the year, 2, died, 2, removed into the parish, 4, recently added, (4 of whom are added by confirmation,) 5, present number. 36; baptisms, (adults, 2, children, 8,) 10; marriages, 3; burials, 4, one of which was in Cornish, N. H.; catechumens, 14.

Contributions,—Alms at the Holy Communion,	\$12.01
For Missions,	17.00
For Tract Society,	5.00
For Incidental expenses,	40.00
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	\$74.01

Public service on each Sunday, except two, when the Rector officiated in Grace Church, Randolph, and one when he was indisposed; also on the principal Festivals and Fasts of the Church, and on Christmas Eve, and on the Thanksgiving and Fast appointed by the civil authority.

During Lent, meetings for devotion and instruction were held on Friday evenings, in private dwellings, and the same practice has, at the request of the parishioners, been continued most of the time since.

Owing to various unfortunate circumstances, amongst which was a two years' vacancy in the parish, it was found, less than a year since, greatly depressed. It is evidently seen that, "*While men slept*," the enemy had been sowing TARES; and that some of them are so firmly rooted, that they must be suffered to grow until the harvest. The restoration of the regular services of the Church has, however, been followed by a slow, but I believe reliable, increase in the congregation, and the next year will, I trust, open with obviously somewhat fairer prospects, than did the present.

APPENDIX I.

LIST OF THE CLERGY

In the Diocese of Vermont, with the Parishes under their charge.

THE R^{*e*}. Rev. JOHN HENRY HOPKINS, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese,
and Rector of St. Paul's Church, Burlington.

PRESBYTERS.

- THE** Rev. ALBERT H. BAILEY, Rector of St. Thomas' Church, Brandon.
THE Rev. C. R. BATCHELDER, Rector of St. John's Church, Highgate.
THE Rev. HENRY BLACKALLER, Rector of Zion Church, Manchester.
THE Rev. JOEL CLAP, D. D., Rector of Immanuel Church, Bellows Falls.
THE Rev. CHARLES CLEVELAND.
THE Rev. RICHARD F. CADLE, Rector of Trinity Church, Shelburne.
THE Rev. CHARLES FAY, Rector of Union Church, St. Albans.
THE Rev. JOHN A. FITCH, Rector of Grace Church, Sheldon, and Christ
Church, Enosburgh.
THE Rev. JOHN A. HICKS, D. D., Rector of Trinity Church, Rutland.
THE Rev. MARCELLUS A. HERRICK, Rector of St. James' Church,
Woodstock.
THE Rev. O. HOPSON, Rector of St. John's Church, Poultney, and St.
Paul's Church, Wells.
THE Rev. GEORGE B. MANSEY, Rector of Christ Church, Montpelier.
THE Rev. LOUIS M'DONALD.
THE Rev. JOSIAH OBEAR, of S. C., Minister of Grace Church, Randolph.
THE Rev. JOSIAH PERRY, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Windsor.
THE Rev. JOHN B. PRADT, Rector of Christ Church Guilford.
THE Rev. EZEKIEL H. SAYLES, Rector of Union Church, Montgomery,
and Calvary Church, Berkshire.
THE Rev. JOSIAH SWETT, Rector of Christ Church, Bethel, and St. Paul's
Church, Royalton.
THE Rev. FOSTER THAYER.
THE Rev. FREDERICK A. WADLEIGH, Rector of St. James' Church,
Arlington.

DEACONS.

- Rev.** THORNTON W. CLAPP.
Rev. ZADOCK THOMPSON, residing at Burlington.

CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS.

- STEPHEN CHIPMAN THRALL.
GEMONT GRAVES.
WILLIAM R. JOHNSON.

APPENDIX II.

LIST OF THE PARISHES

In the Diocese of Vermont, with their Rectors or Ministers.

PARISHES.	RECTORS.
ST. JAMES, Arlington,	Rev. FRED'K WADLEIGH.
IMMANUEL, Bellows Falls,	Rev. JOEL CLAP, D. D.
ST. PETER's, Bennington,	Vacant.
CALVARY, Berkshire,	Rev. E. H. SAYLES.
CHRIST, Bethel,	Rev. JOSIAH SWETT.
ST. THOMAS', Brandon,	Rev. A. BAILEY.
ST. PAUL's, Burlington,	Rt. Rev. J. H. HOPKINS, D. D.
ST. JAMES', Castleton,	Rev. O. HOPSON.
CHRIST, Enosburgh,	Rev. J. A. FITCH.
CHRIST, Fairfax,	Vacant.
TRINITY, Fairfield,	Vacant.
CHRIST, Guilford,	Rev. JOHN A. PRADT.
ST. JOHN's, Highgate,	Rev. C. R. BATCHELDER.
CALVARY, Jericho,	
ZION, Manchester,	Rev. H. BLACKALLER.
ST. STEPHEN's, Middlebury,	Vacant.
UNION, Montgomery,	Rev. E. H. SAYLES.
CHRIST, Montpelier,	Rev. GEO. B. MANSEY.
ST. JOHN's, Poultney,	Rev. O. HOPSON.
GRACE, Randolph,	Rev. JOSIAH OBEAR.
ST. ANDREW's, Rochester,	
ST. PAUL's, Royalton,	Rev. JOSIAH SWETT
TRINITY, Rutland,	Rev. JOHN A. HICKS, D. D.
TRINITY, Shelburne,	Rev. RICHARD CADLE.
GRACE, Sheldon,	Rev. J. A. FITCH.
UNION, Springfield,	
UNION, St. Albans,	Rev. CHAS. FAY.
ST. STEPHEN's, Tinmouth,	
ST. PAUL's, Wells,	Rev. O. HOPSON.
ST. PAUL's, Windsor,	Rev. JOSIAH PERRY.
ST. JAMES', Woodstock,	Rev. M. A. HERRICK.
ST. PAUL's Vergennes,	

APPENDIX III.

RELIEF OF AGED AND INFIRM CLERGYMEN, &c.

At a meeting of the Bishop and Standing Committee, held at Christ Church, Bethel, September 19, 1849, after examining the report of the Treasurer, in reference to the amount, now in his hands, for the relief of Aged and Infirm Clergymen, &c.

On motion,

Resolved, That the sum of *fifty dollars* be appropriated for the benefit of the Rev. Louis M'Donald, and that the Treasurer be, and hereby is, instructed to pay the same, when applied for.

GEO. B. MANSER,
Secretary of Standing Committee.

APPENDIX IV.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF LAND AGENCY.

*JED. S. BUSHNELL, Treasurer of the Board of Agency in Vermont of
the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts,*

DR.

1848. February 4th,—To Cash received of Hon.	
D. Wooster, late Treasurer, - - -	\$ 81.55
Amount of Rents received of Company's Agents,	
from February 4th to July 19th, 1849, - -	2,696.73
	\$2,778.28

CR.

1848. July 19,—By appropriations of the Board to	
the Churches of the Diocese, paid be-	
tween February 4, and July 19, 1849, -	
	\$1,302.50
Amount paid Right Rev. John H. Hopkins,	
his salary for half year, ending June 1,	
1848, - - - - -	400.00
Travelling and Incidental expenses, &c.,	
	66.34
Balance reported to the Board, July 19, 1848, and	
carried to new account, - - -	1,007.44
	\$2,778.28

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July 19, 1848.—Balance reported and brought down,	
	\$1,007.44
July 10, 1849.—To amount of Rents received of	
Company's Agents, since July 19, 1848, - -	
	1,483.87
	\$2,491.31

CR.

1848. July 19,—By cash paid Board of Agents, for expenses,	
attending annual meeting, - - - -	
	\$136.52
By cash paid Hon. D. Wooster, for services as Treasurer,	
	144.44
" " Travelling and Incidental expenses, - - -	
	76.46
" " Rev. J. Clap, D. D., expenses of attending meet-	
ing of Standing Committee of the Diocese, -	
	10.80

Cash paid Rt. Rev. John H. Hopkins for salary as Bishop, for the year ending June 1, 1849, - - -	800.00
Cash paid Rev. Z. Thompson, for Clerical services at St. Paul's Church, Burlington, previous to July 19, 1848. - - - - -	77.00
" " Rev. E. F. Putman, for Clerical services at Fair- field, - - - - -	37.50
" " Appropriations of the Board to Churches in the Diocese, - - - - -	426.67
" Treasurer's salary, from February 1, 1848, to August, 1849, one year and a half, - - - -	112.50
1849. July 10,—Balance reported this day to the Board, and carried to new account, - - - - -	600.42
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	\$2,491.31

APPENDIX V.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Diocese of Vermont in account with N. PARKER, Treasurer,

		Dr.
1848, Sept.	To Balance in Treasurer's hands, as per last report, - - - - -	\$116.17
	To cash received of eighteen Parishes, -	72.00
	To cash received of St. Paul's Church, Burlington, one half paid last year, - -	10.00
	To cash received of Trinity Church, Rutland, for 1847, - - - - -	8.00
		\$206.17
		Cr.
1848, Oct. 27.	By amount paid Secretary for draft for Journals, - - - - -	\$63.12
	By amount paid additional assessment by General Convention, - -	3.00
	By cash on hand, - - - - -	140.05
		\$206.17
<i>Attest,</i> N. PARKER, <i>Treasurer.</i>		

AMOUNT RECEIVED FOR AGED & INFIRM CLERGYMEN, &c.

N. PARKER, <i>Treasurer,</i>		Dr.
1848.	To amount received from Trinity Church Shelburne, -	\$1.64
	To " " from Christ-Church, Guilford, -	5.00
	To " " from St. James' Church, Arlington, -	10.84
	To " " from St. Paul's Church, Burlington, -	10.96
	To " " from Immanuel, Bellows Falls, -	16.17
	To " " from Christ-Church, Bethel, - -	6.00
	To " " from St. Thomas' Church, Brandon, -	4.51
	To " " from Trinity Church, Rutland, -	7.00
1849, Sept. 19.	To amount of collection this day, taken up in Christ-Church, Bethel, - - -	12.88
Now in Treasurer's hands		\$75.00
<i>Attest,</i> N. PARKER, <i>Treasurer.</i>		

APPENDIX VI.

MISSIONS.

At a meeting of the Missionary Committee of the Diocese, held at Christ-Church, Bethel, September 19, 1849, after examining the report of the Treasurer, it was

Resolved, That the Parishes of Castleton and Tinmouth, be added to the list of Missionary Stations in the Diocese.

Resolved, That the amount of Missionary Funds, now in the Treasurer's hands, as by his report of this day, be equally divided among the several parishes now recognised as Missionary Stations in this Diocese; and that the Treasurer be, and hereby is, authorised to pay over the same, without further orders from the Committee, proper receipts therefor to be taken by the Treasurer.

Present List of Missionary Stations :—Guilford, Shelburne, Brandon, Bethel, Enosburgh, Woodstock, Wells, Randolph, Castleton, and Tinmouth.

G. B. MANSER,

Secretary of Missionary Committee.

PARKER, TREASURER OF MISSIONARY FUND OF THE DIOCESE,

48. To balance on hand, after appropriations of last year,	\$0.27
To cash received of Rev. A. H. Bailey, 1848, (omitted by minister,) - - - - -	5.33
To cash received of Trinity Church, Shelburne, -	6.05
To " " of St. James' Church, Arlington, -	29.16
To " " of St. Paul's Church, Burlington, -	47.53
To " " of Immanuel Church, Bellows Falls, -	14.03
To " " of Trinity Church, Rutland, -	7.00
To " " of Christ-Church, Guilford, -	3.00
To " " of St. John's Church, Poultney, -	5.10
To " " of St. Paul's Church, Wells, -	2.75
To " " of St. Thomas' Church, Brandon, -	10.60

On hand, - - - - - \$130.82

N. PARKER,

Treasurer Missionary Fund.

NOTICE.

The next Annual Convention of this Diocese will be held in **St. Paul's Church, Burlington**, on the third Wednesday of September, 1854.

GEORGE B. MANSEY,
Secretary.

FORM OF CERTIFICATE FOR LAY-DELEGATES.

I hereby certify, that, at a meeting of the Vestry of ——— Church, ———
held as the Canon directs, on Easter Monday, in the year of our Lord ———
A. B. and C. D. &c. ——— Members of the Vestry, were duly elected **Delegates** to
represent the said Parish in the ensuing Convention of the Diocese.

N———— M————,
Secretary of the Vestry.

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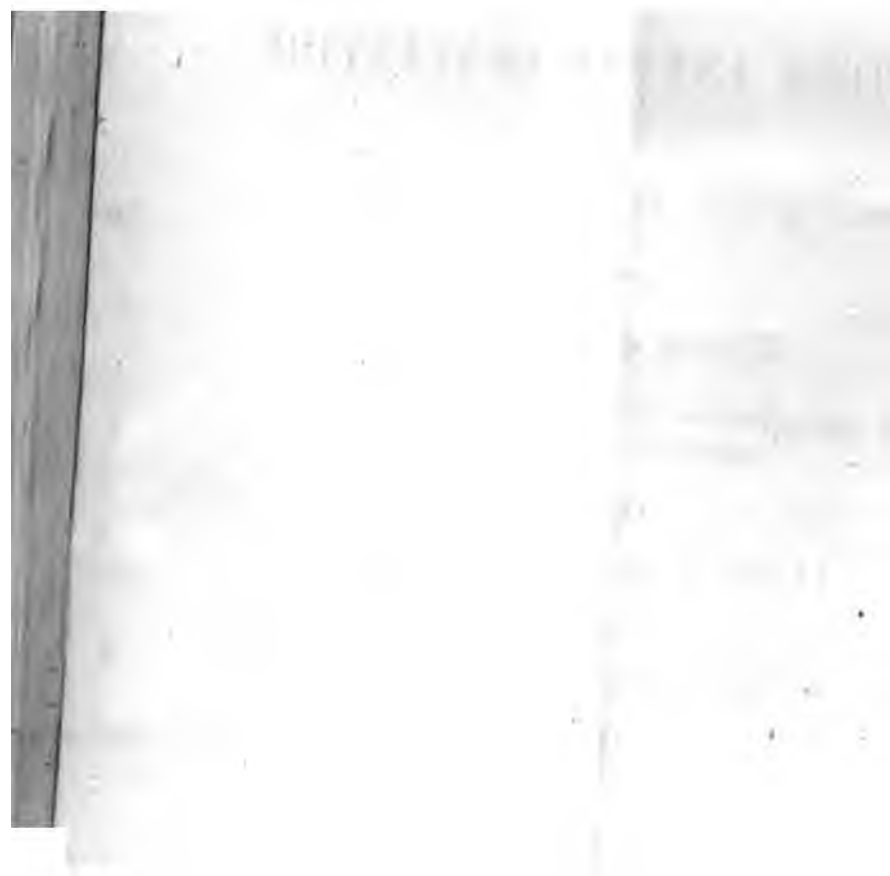
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ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, BURLINGTON, }
September 18, 1850. }

THIS being the day appointed for the meeting of the Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Vermont, the Bishop, Clergy and Lay Delegates assembled in St. Paul's Church, Burlington, and at nine o'clock, A. M., the Convention was called to order by the Right Reverend Bishop of the Diocese, *ex officio*; the Rev. George B. Manser being Secretary.

The Clergy present were

The RT. REV. JOHN HENRY HOPKINS, D. D.,

The Rev. ALBERT H. BAILEY, The Rev. M. A. HERRICK,

" HENRY BLACKALLER,	" OLIVER HOPSON,
" JOEL CLAP, D. D.	" GEORGE B. MANSEY,
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" JOHN A. HICKS, D. D.	

The Lay Delegates present were as follows:—

St. James' Church, Arlington: Mr. Sylvester Deming.

Immanuel Church, Bellows Falls: Messrs. Henry F. Green,
Ira Wentworth, Jr., J. H. Williams.

Calvary Church, Berkshire: Mr. Samuel Crossett.

St. Thomas' Church, Brandon: Mr. Edward Sherman.

St. Paul's Church, Burlington: Messrs. Richard G. Cole,
Timothy F. Strong, Thomas H. Canfield.

St. James' Church, Castleton : Mr. J. G. Whitlock.

Calvary Church, Jericho : Mr. Orville Shaw.

St. Stephens' Church, Middlebury : Messrs. Nahum Parker,
J. S. Bushnell.

Christ Church, Montpelier : Messrs. Timothy P. Redfield,
Charles Dewey.

St. John's Church, Poultney : Mr. Amon Bailey.

Grace Church, Randolph : Hon. Edmund Weston.

Trinity Church, Rutland : Messrs. George Graves, George
T. Hodges.

Trinity Church, Shelburne : Mr. George Bliss.

Grace Church, Sheldon : Mr. J. J. Potter.

Union Church, St. Albans : Mr. Jephtha Bradley.

On motion,

Resolved, That Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church, not canonically entitled to seats in this Convention, and all Candidates for Holy Orders in this Church, and members of the Standing Committee, who may be present, be, and hereby are, invited to attend the sittings of this Convention.

The Rev. Messrs. E. F. Putnam, and James Mulcahey; and Mr. Theodore A. Hopkins, Candidate for Holy Orders, were present and took seats in the Convention, under the above resolution.

The Convention then proceeded to the choice of Secretary, for the year ensuing; and the ballots being taken, the Rev. Geo. B. Manser was re-elected unanimously.

Nahum Parker, Esq. was unanimously re-elected Treasurer of the Convention.

The following resolution was introduced, viz :

Resolved, That no Parish in this Diocese, which shall hereafter be unrepresented in the Annual Diocesan Convention by its Rector (if there be one) and a Lay Delegation, unless for reasons satisfactory to the Bishop, shall be considered as entitled to any appropriation from the Board of Land Agents, or from any Missionary Board of the Diocese.

On motion, the foregoing resolution was laid on the table till the evening session.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop appointed as the Committee on Finance, the following gentlemen, to wit: Hon. Edmund Weston, Amon Bailey, and Timothy P. Redfield, Esqs.

On motion,

The Convention then took a recess till 3 o'clock this afternoon, for the purpose of attending Divine Service.

Morning prayer was said by the Rev. James Mulcahey. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Charles Fay; after which the Right Reverend the Bishop, proceeded to the ordination of Mr. William R. Johnson to the order of deacon. The candidate for ordination was presented by the Rev. Dr. Hicks, and the Rev. Mr. Mulcahey assisted the Bishop in the administration of the Holy Communion.

3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Convention re-assembled, pursuant to adjournment.

The Right Rev. Bishop of the Diocese then delivered his annual

A D D R E S S .

MY BELOVED BRETHREN:

IN proceeding to lay before you the acts of your diocesan since our last Annual Convention, I shall first state, as usual, the details of my visitation, and then add such other remarks as may be required by the occasion.

On the evening of Good Friday, March 29th, I held an Episcopal Service in St. Paul's Church, Burlington, preached, and confirmed twelve persons.

Tuesday, June 4th, I visited Grace Church, Randolph, preached, and confirmed two persons, the Rector, Rev. Josiah Obear, assisting.

Wednesday, June 5th, I visited Christ Church, Bethel, in the morning, and in the afternoon, St. Paul's Church, Royalton. I preached in both, to serious and attentive congregations, being assisted in the services by the Rector, Rev. Josiah Swett, but there were no candidates ready for confirmation.

Thursday, June 6th, I proceeded to St. James' Church, Woodstock, preached, and confirmed three persons, the Rector, Rev. Marcellus Herrick, assisting.

Friday, June 7th, I visited St. Paul's Church, Windsor, which I had the pleasure of finding in a growing state, considerably raised from its former depression, by the divine blessing on the labours of its Pastor. Here also, I preached, and confirmed three persons, the Rector, Rev. Josiah Perry, assisting in the services.

Saturday, June 8th, I visited Immanuel Church, Bellows Falls, where I administered confirmation to a sick person at his own house, and afterwards, in the Church, preached to an attentive congregation, and administered confirmation to two persons more, the Rev. Dr. Sprague, of the diocese of New Hampshire, and the Rector, Rev. Dr. Clap, assisting in the services. The remainder of the evening was spent in my journey to Guilford, in order to be in readiness for the duties of the Lord's Day.

June 9th, being the second Sunday after Trinity, I visited Christ Church, Guilford, where I was gratified to find the Pastor inhabiting the new parsonage. I preached morning and afternoon, and confirmed three persons, the Rector, Rev. John B. Pradt, assisting.

Monday, June 10th, I visited St. Peter's Church, Bennington, and was truly thankful to mark the prosperous condition of that interesting parish, which has had, in past years, so many trials and disappointments to sustain. I preached to a large and serious congregation, and confirmed nine persons, the Rector, Rev. George B. Manser, assisting in the services.

Tuesday, June 11th, I proceeded to St. James' Church, Arlington, baptized the infant child of the Rector, preached, and confirmed three persons, the Rev. Geo. B. Manser assisting.

Wednesday, June 12th, I visited Zion Church, Factory Point, and preached to an attentive congregation, the Rector, Rev. Henry Blackaller, assisting in the services. From this, I proceeded to St. Paul's Church, Wells, where I also preached, assisted by Mr. Blackaller, who had kindly accompanied me, and officiated at the request of the Rector, Rev. Mr. Hopson. There were no confirmations at the two last-named Churches.

Thursday, June 13th, I visited, in company with Rev. Mr. Hopson, St. Stephen's Church, Tinmouth, which is under the charge of Rev. Moore Bingham, of the Diocese of New York. The service was held in the House of Worship belonging to our Congregational brethren, which had been very kindly offered for the occasion by the Pastor, Rev. Mr. Parker. The devotions of the Liturgy were performed by the Rev. Mr. Hopson, and I preached, and confirmed two persons.

Friday, June 14th, I visited St. John's Church, Poultney, where I preached to a large and attentive congregation, and confirmed three persons, the Rector, Rev. O. Hopson, assisting.

Saturday, June 15th, I proceeded to the missionary station at the flourishing village of Hydeville, accompanied by Rev. Mr. Hopson, to whom, along with the Rev. Mr. Bailey, the Church is indebted for the commencement and continuance of our services in that place. I was much gratified to see the progress made since my last visit. The enterprising proprietors had finished a large and commodious apartment, filled with comfortable seats, and having, at the one end, a small and sweet-toned Organ, while the other was handsomely arranged as a Chancel, with a pulpit and a table, communicating with a convenient vestry-room. Here, we found a goodly number assembled, including some of our friends from Rutland and Castleton, and I preached, and confirmed five persons, the Rev. Mr. Hopson having read the Liturgy. The service, under all the circumstances, was deeply interesting; and I could not doubt that many fervent supplications ascended to the throne of grace, imploring the continuance of the divine blessing on this prosperous beginning.

June 16th, being the third Sunday after Trinity, I visited Trinity Church, Rutland, preached morning and afternoon, and confirmed one person, the Rector, Rev. John A. Hicks, assisting.

Tuesday, June 18th, I visited St. Thomas' Church, Brandon, where I preached to a small but attentive congregation; confirmation was administered to two persons, and the Rector, Rev. Albert H. Bailey, assisted in the services.

In the afternoon of the same day, I proceeded to St. Stephen's Church, Middlebury, and preached in the evening. The following morning, being Wednesday, June 19th, the Rector, Rev. James Mulcahey, was instituted, after which I preached, and confirmed four persons. I was much gratified to find this important parish prospering under the ministrations of their present pastor, and I trust that the blessing of God will increase them more and more, in numbers and in zeal.

On the evening of the same day, I visited St. Paul's Church, Vergennes, preached and confirmed two persons, the minister, Rev. Wm. W. Hickox, of the Diocese of New York, assisting.

June 23d, being the fourth Sunday after Trinity, I visited Trinity Church, Shelburne, preached, and confirmed two persons, the Rector, Rev. Richard F. Cadle, assisting in the services.

My visitation of the Diocese at this point was interrupted by the duty of going to the City of New York, to attend the Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the General Theological Seminary, and the solemnities of the Commencement; at which, as the oldest of the bishops present, I was obliged to preside. On the following Sunday, in the noble edifice of Trinity Church, I enjoyed the high privilege of beholding the ordination of four Priests and thirteen Deacons, one of whom was my own eldest son. The ordaining Bishop was the Right Rev. Dr. Whittingham, the Diocesan of Maryland, acting by request of the Standing Committee for the Diocese of New York; by whose kind courtesy, I consecrated the elements of the Holy Eucharist, and took a part in the other communion services.

It was truly a day which can never be forgotten by those who were concerned; nor is it possible to estimate the results, for time and for eternity.

The next call of official duty after my return, was to attend the Annual Meeting of the Board of Land Agents, at Middlebury, on Tuesday, the 9th day of July. The business was all transacted with the usual cordial unanimity, and the result will be laid before you, and appended to the Journal.

On the 14th day of July, being the 7th Sunday after Trinity, I resumed my visitation of the Diocese at Christ Church, Montpelier, which I was very thankful to find prospering under the care of the new Rector, Rev. Edward F. Putnam. At the period of my last visit, this important parish was apparently thriving in the hands of Rev. George B. Manser, to whose zealous devotion and perseverance, under God, it was so largely indebted for its rise and establishment. And when he found it expedient to resign his pastoral charge over it, I was not without serious fears both that he would regret the separation, and that the Church, which had been so long the object of his labours, would suffer. But we have great reason to rejoice that the results have thus far happily disappointed our apprehensions. The transfer of Mr. Manser to Bennington has given an impulse to that parish of the most cheering and beneficial character. And the ministry of his successor at Montpelier has been instrumental, already, in enlarging the numbers and stimulating the attention of the congregation. I preached on the occasion, morning and afternoon. Four persons were confirmed, and the Rector assisted in the services.

Monday, July 22d, I visited Union Church, St. Albans, preached to a large and attentive congregation, and confirmed three persons, being assisted in the services by the Rector, Rev. Charles Fay. This parish, to which, from its peculiar and afflicting trials, we all look with especial interest, is in a highly prosperous condition. And perhaps it is not saying too much to describe it as stronger in unity and larger in numbers than at any former period.

Tuesday, July 23d, the Rev. Mr. Fay conveyed me to Buck-hollow, Fairfax, where our little congregation of Christ-Church assembled in the school-house, with their usual punctuality. I performed the morning office of the Church and preached. In the afternoon, I proceeded along with Mr. Fay to Trinity Church, Fairfield, where the Rev. John A. Fitch, of Sheldon, met us, and I preached, the Rev. Mr. Fay assisting in the service. Both these parishes continue vacant, although there is a strong desire, on the part of many, to secure the labours of a clergyman; and I doubt not that a zealous and active man would find in them a sphere of great usefulness.

Wednesday, July 24th, I visited Christ-Church, Enosburgh, in company with the Rector, Rev. John A. Fitch. Here we were met by the Rev. Mr. Sayles, of Berkshire, who performed the Service; and I preached, and confirmed one person.

The same day I proceeded to Union Church, Montgomery, where Rev. Mr. Fitch, at the request of the Rector, Rev. Ezekiel H. Sayles, assisted in the service, and I preached. There was no confirmation.

Thursday, July 25th, I visited Calvary Church, Berkshire, which continues to be united with Montgomery, under the care of Rev. Mr. Sayles, and found a large congregation assembled. I had also the gratification of meeting Rev. Mr. Scott, of the Diocese of Montreal and Church of England, who had kindly come from his parish in Canada, to take part on the occasion. At the request of the Rector, accordingly, our Rev. brother performed the morning office of the Liturgy; and I preached, and administered confirmation to eleven persons.

The same day, in the afternoon, I proceeded to Grace Church, Sheldon, in company with Rev. Mr. Sayles, where he officiated, at the desire of the Rector, Rev. John A. Fitch, and I preached to a large and attentive congregation. There were no candidates to be confirmed, but it is hoped that the long promised new Church will soon shew itself amongst the other improvements of this flourishing Village.

Friday, July 26th, I visited St. John's Church, Highgate,

where I preached, and confirmed three youths, whose future course, I trust, will correspond with this good beginning. The Rector, Rev. C. R. Batchelder, assisted in the services, and in the afternoon accompanied me to Swanton Falls, where there are a few resident Episcopalians, and some ground to hope that the day is approaching when we may expect to see a parish organized. Mr. Batchelder performed the service of the Evening Prayer, and I preached to a small but serious congregation.

Thus ended a visitation, which, on the whole, exhibited an encouraging state of the Churches, and a gradual increase of strength and stability. The congregations were almost invariably large, and considering that the time interfered, in many places, with the labours of the hay-harvest, they were much more numerous than could have been expected. The aggregate of the confirmations is eighty-one, in twenty-one parishes; the number of Churches visited being twenty-nine, besides Swanton Falls.

The Rev. Foster Thayer, who has not been labouring in the Diocese for the last two years, has decided to renounce the ministry, and has been displaced from the ministry accordingly.

The ministerial changes of the past year are, for the most part, in favour of the Diocese. I have given Letters Dimissory to the Rev. Charles Cleveland, who desired to be transferred to the Diocese of Mississippi; but this has made no actual change in any of our own parishes, inasmuch as his place at Shelburne had been supplied by the Rev. Richard F. Cadle, previous to our last Convention. The Rev. Elkanah F. Remington has also been transferred to the Diocese of Massachusetts, but neither did this cause any vacancy. The only real loss, therefore, which we have sustained, is in the case of the Rev. John B. Pradt, who, I am sorry to say, has found it expedient, in regard to his means of support, to accept a call from a parish in the Diocese of Western New York, and has received a Letter of dismission accordingly. I trust his place in the Church at Guilford, will soon be supplied by a Rector of equal faithfulness and ability. On the other hand, we have received the accession of the Rev. Edward F. Putnam, as the successor of the Rev.

George B. Manser at Montpelier; of the Rev. James Mulcahey, as the Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Middlebury, and of the Rev. Josiah Obear, who is the Rector of Grace Church, Randolph, and has been only lately transferred to this diocese from South Carolina, although actually resident amongst us some time before our last Convention. In addition to these, you have witnessed the ordination of the Rev. Wm. R. Johnston. The parishes of Bennington, Middlebury, Vergennes and Timmouth, vacant at our last meeting, are now supplied. And our present vacancies are reduced to Fairfield, Fairfax and Guilford. The canonical list of our clergy is precisely equal to the last in number, namely, twenty-three clergymen, including the bishop. But of these, there is a larger proportion employed in active duty, and the Diocese is better supplied.

Our candidates for Holy Orders are Messrs. Gemont Graves, John E. Johnson and Theodore A. Hopkins.

Mr. Stephen Chipman Thrall, having completed his full course of study at the General Theological Seminary, was transferred as a candidate to the Diocese of New Jersey, in the month of July.

At our last Convention, my brethren, a resolution was passed unanimously, that a Committee of two persons should be appointed, in conjunction with the Bishop, to revise the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese, and report at the next Annual Convention. I have to ask your indulgence for not judging it practicable to act efficiently on that Resolution at this time. We have always found it expedient, every third year, to place the Episcopal Address and the Parochial Reports in the hands of the printer, some ten days before the meeting of our Convention, in order that the Journal might be completed immediately after our adjournment, and thus be put out of our way previous to our leaving home to attend to the business of the General Convention. But if we had attempted to act on so large an additional amount of matter as the Revision of our Diocesan Code, at the present session, it would have been impossible to have the Journal ready, until long after our return

from Cincinnati; and you are aware that our Journals for the three years which intervene between the sessions of the General Convention, ought to be in the hands of the Committee appointed by that body on the state of the Church. Under these circumstances, I thought it best to postpone our action until the following year, and will therefore ask you to continue the Committee until our next Diocesan Convention; at which time, divine Providence permitting, I trust the duty consigned to us will be satisfactorily performed.

The very serious agitation which prevailed in our venerable Mother Church of England, in consequence of the controversy between the Bishop of Exeter and the Rev. Mr. Gorham, at the period of my last Address, and the practical importance of the question at issue, which concerns us quite as deeply as our trans-Atlantic brethren, induced me to append to my diocesan report a few remarks upon the subject, by way of affectionate caution. Believing, however, when I came to read them, that they were not full enough to do any reasonable justice to the exciting theme, I omitted them altogether. After our Convention had adjourned, I mentioned the fact to a number of my clerical brethren, and at their request, I read to them the portion which I had passed over, and found them all desirous to see it in print, since, notwithstanding their own opinions were by no means accordant on the doctrinal points involved, they agreed in thinking that the practical principle of kindly toleration which I designed to inculcate, was of serious importance to the Church's peace and welfare. I promised, accordingly, that I would treat the subject more fully in the form of an Address to the Clergy, which might be considered in the nature of a charge, although not delivered to them orally.

The result of this promise appeared in the month of November following, and being printed at my own expense, copies were sent to all the Clergy of the Diocese, to all our own Bishops, and to the Primates of the United Church of England and Ireland, the Bishops of Exeter, London and Winchester, and a few of the English Clergy. The decision of the Privy-Council

was delivered in the following month of March, and it was assuredly a cause of thankfulness on my part, to find that the principles on which I had undertaken to rest the case, were in precise accordance with the ground adopted by the highest Ecclesiastical Court of England; and that their judgment was such as the three superior Secular Courts, the King's Bench, the Common Pleas, and the Court of Exchequer, have since refused to disturb. That question, therefore, may be regarded as settled, so far as it ever can be. Not that the Rev. Mr. Gorham is right in his peculiar view of the doctrinal argument, nor that the Bishop of Exeter is wrong. But that the Church has wisely left a certain range of disputed points, on which the best and soundest divines have differed in every age, and probably will differ to the end of the world; and that these are open of necessity to a diversity of sentiment, which, whether it be correct or otherwise, has been tolerated, and ought to be tolerated, with all fraternal indulgence; instead of involving the Church in fierce and bitter contention, by imputing results and inferences on either side, which every honest mind repudiates, and bandying the reproach of Romanism or Heresy, without any sufficient reason.

I am by no means disposed to be either grieved or alarmed by the occasional agitation of the Church, whether at home or abroad, on this or any other question, so long as our brethren conduct their disputes with a due regard to Christian temper. It is our high privilege to enjoy the fruits of a system, which is constructed, in all its parts, on the sure ground-work of Apostolic truth and order, and against which, I humbly trust, the powers of darkness and the delusions of men will always strive in vain. But while the Church is thus immoveably fixed on the rock of divine stability, in all the great points of essential principle, there is, and must be, in the nature of the case, a large field of debatable opinions, where our liberty should be allowed a reasonable exercise, although, as in all other kinds of liberty, the spirit of party may often be found to urge the best-meaning and most earnest minds, for a while, into the excite-

ment of ultraism. Through many such excitements the Church has hitherto been led safely, by the good hand of God, and I doubt not that they have all been over-ruled to her welfare. And such I regard to be the result of the late agitation. It has awakened the spirit of inquiry. It has demonstrated the conservative wisdom of our system. It has given a new triumph to the spirit of substantial unity. And if it be guarded by the temper of love, in watchfulness and prayer, its fruits will be, in the end, to the honour of Christ, and the glory of His blessed Gospel.

The Bishop's address being concluded,

On motion,

Ordered, That the Parochial Reports be printed, and appended, as usual, to the Journal. [*See Appendix.*]

On motion,

Resolved, That the Convention do now proceed to elect the Standing Committee for the year ensuing.

The ballots being taken, the following persons were duly elected :—

The Rev. John A. Hicks, D. D.,

“ “ Joel Clap, D. D.,

“ “ George B. Manser,

The Hon. Isaac F. Redfield,

George B. Shaw, Esq.,

Ozias Seymour, Esq.

The following persons were duly elected Clerical and Lay Deputies to the next General Convention :—

CLERICAL DEPUTIES.—The Rev. Joel Clap, D. D. ; Rev. John A. Hicks, D. D. ; Rev. George B. Manser ; Rev. Henry Blackaller.

LAY DEPUTIES.—Hon. Isaac F. Redfield, Hon. George T. Hodges, Hon. Edmund Weston and Ozias Seymour, Esq.

The Rev. James Mulcahey was appointed preacher before the next Convention ; the Rev. Oliver Hopson, substitute. The

Rev. M. A. Herrick was appointed to preach the **Missionary Sermon**, the evening before the meeting of the next **Annual Convention**, the Rev. F. A. Wadleigh to be his substitute.

On motion,

Resolved, That the next **Annual Diocesan Convention** be held in **Christ Church, Montpelier**.

The Committee on Finance made the following report, which was adopted by the Convention; to wit:—

The Committee on Finance recommend the following assessments to be made upon the several Parishes of the Diocese, to meet the current expenses of the year :

Union Church, Montgomery, . . .	\$3,00
Calvary Church, Berkshire, . . .	3,00
Christ-Church, Enosburgh, . . .	2,00
Grace Church, Sheldon, . . .	2,00
Trinity Church, Rutland, . . .	8,00
Union Church, St. Albans, . . .	10,00
St. John's Church, Highgate, . . .	5,00
Christ-Church, Fairfax, . . .	2,00
Trinity Church, Fairfield, . . .	2,00
St. Paul's Church, Burlington, . . .	10,00
Trinity Church, Shelburne, . . .	2,00
St. Paul's Church, Vergennes, . . .	5,00
St. Stephen's Church, Middlebury, . . .	8,00
St. Thomas' Church, Brandon, . . .	2,00
St. John's Church, Poultney, . . .	4,00
St. Paul's Church, Wells, . . .	2,00
Zion Church, Factory Point, . . .	6,00
St. James' Church, Arlington, . . .	8,00
Christ-Church, Guilford, . . .	2,00
Immanuel Church, Bellows Falls, . . .	8,00
St. Paul's Church, Windsor, . . .	4,00
St. James' Church, Woodstock, . . .	2,00
Christ-Church, Bethel, . . .	2,00
St. Paul's Church, Royalton, . . .	2,00
Christ-Church, Montpelier, . . .	4,00
Grace Church, Randolph, . . .	2,00
St. James' Church, Castleton, . . .	2,00

St. Peter's Church, Bennington,	.	.	4,00
St. Stephens' Church, Tinmouth.	.	.	2,00
Calvary Church, Jericho,	.	.	2,00

\$122,00

E. WESTON,	}	<i>Com. of Finance.</i>
A. BAILEY,		
T. P. REDFIELD,		

In Convention, September 18, 1850.

The following Parishes were reported by the Treasurer as delinquent in the payment of the dues assessed upon them for the year 1849 :—

Christ Church, Enosburgh,	\$2,00
Grace Church, Sheldon,	2,00
St. John's Church, Highgate,	5,00
Christ Church, Fairfax,	2,00
Trinity Church, Fairfield,	2,00
St. Paul's Church, Vergennes,	5,00
St. Paul's Church, Windsor,	4,00

The Treasurer then made his annual report, which was adopted. [*See Appendix.*]

The Treasurer also reported the state of the funds placed in his hands for the relief of aged and infirm Clergymen, and the widows and orphans of deceased Clergymen in the Diocese, who stand in need of assistance ; and also the state of the Missionary Fund of the Diocese, all which were severally adopted. [*See Appendix.*]

The Treasurer of "The Board of Agency in Vermont, of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts," made a report of the condition of the funds in his hands, which report was

Ordered To be printed with the Journal. [*See Appendix.*]

The Rev. Mr. Fay introduced the following Resolution; which was adopted, to wit :

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Convention pay to the order of the Bishop, the sum of thirty-four dollars, being the balance of the cost of publication of his Address to the Clergy, over and above the proceeds of the sales.

On motion,

The following resolution was adopted ; viz :

Resolved, That the Treasurer pay twenty-five dollars of the contingent fund, to each clerical Deputy who shall attend the next General Convention, and that the balance of said fund not already appropriated, be equally divided among the Lay Delegates who shall attend that Convention.

On motion,

The Committee appointed at the last Annual Diocese to act in conjunction with the Right Rev. Bishop in revising the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese, had leave to postpone their report till the next Annual Convention.

The resolution laid on the table in the morning was now taken up ; viz. *Resolved*, That no Parish in this Diocese, which shall hereafter be unrepresented in the Annual Diocesan Convention by its Rector (if there be one) and a Lay Delegation, unless for reasons satisfactory to the Bishop, shall be considered as entitled to any appropriation from the Board of Land Agents, or from any Missionary Board of the Diocese :

On motion, the said Resolution was adopted.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Secretary be, and hereby is, authorized to cause six hundred copies of the Journal of this Convention to be printed ; and, in addition to the provision made by the Canon upon the subject, to send six copies of the same to each Clergyman of the Diocese, by mail, unless otherwise instructed by the Clergyman himself.

On motion,

Resolved, That after the customary religious services, this Convention do adjourn.

Thereupon, after the usual prayers and benediction by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

JOHN HENRY HOPKINS, D. D.,

President of the Convention.

Attest, GEORGE B. MANSEY, *Secretary.*

APPENDIX I.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, ARLINGTON.

THE REV. FREDERICK A. WADLEIGH, RECTOR.

Families, (comprising adults, 180, children, 72, total, 252,) 61; Baptisms, (adults, 2, children 2,) 4; Confirmed, 3; Marriages, 4; Burials, 9; Communicants, (added anew, 4, removed into the parish, 2, removed from the parish, 1, died 2,) present number, 108; Catechumens, 30.

Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion, exclusive of the

Easter Collection,	\$14.37
for General Missions, Domestic,	27.65
for Foreign Missions,	13.85
for Diocesan Missions,	20.43
for the contingent fund of the Diocese,	8.00
for aged and infirm Clergymen, &c.,	10.28
for other purposes,	80.00
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	\$174.58

Public Worship, on Sundays, twice throughout the year; on other days, Good Friday, Christmas Day, the State Fast, and Thanksgiving, one service each, in the morning; also, a Lecture every Friday evening. The Holy Eucharist has been administered six times. The children have been catechised occasionally.

IMMANUEL CHURCH, BELLOWS FALLS.

THE REV. JOEL CLAP, D. D., RECTOR.

Families, 85; Baptisms, (infants, 6, adult, 1,) 7; Confirmed, 3; Marriages, 12; Funerals, 7; Communicants, (added, 3, removed, 3,) present number, 158; Catechumens, about 50.

Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	\$38.62
for Domestic Missions,	25.00
for aged and infirm Clergymen, &c.,	8.65
for Diocesan Missions,	4.06
for contingent fund of the Diocese,	8.00
by the Ladies' Circle of Industry, toward debt on parsonage, &c.,	165.00
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Public Worship: Morning and Evening Prayer and Sermon, (with one omission of the Sermon,) on Sundays, throughout the year; Evening Prayer in the Lecture room, on Sunday, Wednesday and Friday evenings, during Lent; Morning Prayer during Passion Week; Evening Prayer and Sermon on the evening preceding Christmas Day; Morning Prayer and Sermon on Christmas Day, Ash-Wednesday, Good Friday, and on Thanksgiving Day. The Holy Communion has been administered twelve times in Church, and several times to the sick, in private houses.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BENNINGTON.

THE REV. GEO. B. MANSEY, RECTOR.

The present Rector entered upon his duties in this parish in March last. The services of the Church have been so much interrupted for the past six years, and the general condition of the parish such, that it is difficult, with any good degree of accuracy, to report the present number of communicants. They are supposed, however, to be about forty in all; and there are in attendance upon our stated worship, nearly or quite the same number of families.

The general aspect of Church matters here may safely be said to be encouraging.

The Church edifice has undergone some essential repairs, and a very excellent organ has been procured, which are certainly indications of a commendable spirit on the part of those who have interested themselves in these improvements.

There have been, since March, 7 baptisms—4 adults and 3 infants; 9 persons confirmed, and one couple married. The number of our Sunday scholars is about 45.

Public services regular, morning and evening on each Lord's Day, and a course of evening Lectures on Church History, each Sunday evening during the spring and early part of summer. The number in attendance always large, and much interest manifested. A third service has usually been held in the Church on Sunday and Thursday evenings, since.

The Communion has been administered on the first Sunday of every month.

The parish, so far as external circumstances indicate, may be said to be in a growing and prosperous state, and the Rector cannot but feel that its spiritual condition is improving. The attendance upon all our religious exercises, and the attention and interest manifested in them, together with the readiness evinced to give of their pecuniary means to sustain the Church, are encouraging facts, for which we ought to be devoutly thankful.

CALVARY CHURCH, BERKSHIRE.

THE REV. E. H. SAYLES, RECTOR.

Families, (comprising adults, 112, children, 45, total, 157,) 36; Baptisms, (adults, 3, children, 9—two in the parish of Fairfax,) 12; Confirmed, 11—one from Dunbar, Canada; Communicants, (added anew, 10, removed into the parish, 1,) present number, 68; Catechumens, (boys, 10; girls, 25.) 35.

Contributions: Alms at the Holy Communion,	\$6.92
for General Missions, Domestic,	3.00
for Foreign Missions,	3.00
for contingent fund of the Diocese,	3.00
for Sunday School Library,	12.00
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	\$27.92

Public Worship: On Sundays, two Services in the Church, conducted alternately by the Rector and Lay Reader; a third Service is held by the Rector every other Sunday, in School-houses in different parts of the parish; on other days, Divine Service is celebrated on the principal Fasts and Festivals, also on those appointed by the Executive; but when the State Fast comes after Easter Sunday, the Church is not opened. The Holy Communion is administered eight times during the year. The children are catechised on each Sunday, alternately by the Rector and Superintendent. A large and promising class of young people are examined on the Collect, Epistle and Gospel, taken in regular course. The children are taught by Teachers.

This parish was never in a more healthy and prosperous condition than at present. The congregation is steadily increasing, five families having recently connected themselves with it, and the whole number, under favorable circumstances, sometimes amounts to 130. The average number at the third service is about 50, making the whole number of those who attend on the Services of the Church about 180. Lay Reading and the Sunday School are regularly sustained in the absence of the Rector, and the congregation, though not quite as large as on other Sundays, still is very good. The practice of Lay Reading is of great importance: it imparts stability and regularity to the congregation, in addition to

other benefits, as few of them ever wander off to other meetings. The Service, of course, is the same, and the Sermons far better than come from the living preacher. Among the Sermons recently read, are Venn's, Burder's, Bradley's, Griswold's, Paget's, Bedell's, McIlvaine's Collection, Tillotson's, and the Plain Sermons.

CHRIST-CHURCH, BETHEL.

THE REV. JOSIAH SWETT, RECTOR.

Families, 30; baptisms, (infants,) 2; marriages, 2; communicants, (removed, 3; added, 2;) present number, 58; catechumens, 25.

Alms received at the Holy Communion, \$32,05

And appropriated as follows:

For Diocesan Missions,	\$5,00
For relief of aged and Infirm Clergymen,	3,09
For contingent Fund of Diocese,	2,00
For Sunday School Books, &c.	6,38
For relief of poor and other purposes,	15,67
	<u>\$32,05</u>

Public Service has been celebrated on each Sunday, with one exception, and also on most of the Festivals and Fast days of the Church throughout the year. The Holy Communion on the third Sunday in each month.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, BRANDON.

THE REV. A. H. BAILEY, RECTOR,

Families, (adults, 56, children, 30, total, 86,) 17; Baptisms, (adult, 1, infant, 1,) 2; Confirmations, 2; Communicants, (removed from the parish, 3, removed into the parish, 1, suspended, 1, added anew, 2,) present number, 24; Marriages, 3; Burials, 7; Catechumens, 10.

Contributions, offerings at the Holy Communion, for Diocesan Missions,

	\$7.00
for General Missions, Domestic,	9.00
for Foreign Missions,	7.55
for aged and infirm Clergymen, &c.,	3.50
for Sunday School Books, and other Parochial	
• purposes,	5.50
for the Contingent Fund of the Diocese,	2.00
	<u>\$34.55</u>

Public Worship: Regular twice each Lord's Day, excepting one-eighth of the Sundays before Easter, and one-fourth since, besides Sunday Evening Lectures in the eastern part of the town twenty-two times;

occasional, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas, Ash-W. Wednesday before Easter, and Good Friday. The Holy Communion has been administered thirteen times. Catechetical instruction has been given to children present on the Lord's Days, with one more extended exercise at Christmas, and one public Address in Lent; but their irregular attendance has prevented, and forbids my reporting a desirable improvement in Christian knowledge.

The condition and prospects of the parish appear to be, on the whole, as favorable as at any time since my connection with it.

The Rector is now officiating one-fourth of the time in St. James' Church, Castleton, the statistics of which will be found in the report of the Rev. O. Horson.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, BURLINGTON.

THE RT. REV. JOHN H. HOPKINS, D. D., RECTOR.

Families, 79; (adults 177, children and youth 210, total 387;) Students of College and other transient persons, about 28; baptisms, (adults, 3, children, 19,) total, 22; confirmed, 12; communicants, removed, 5, died, 2, added, 10, total number, 194, Sunday scholars, boys, 27, girls, 48, total, 75; superintendent and teachers, 10; marriages, 8; burials, 11.

Contributions, for alms at the Holy Communion,	110,53
for General Missions, Foreign,	26,67
for General Missions, Domestic,	34,00
for Diocesan Missions,	26,94
for Aged and Infirm Clergymen,	21,03
for Contingent Fund of the diocese,	10,00
for Sunday School Library,	8,93
for Prayer Books and Tracts,	80,00
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	258,10

Public services regular, morning and evening on each Lord's Day, on the great Festivals and Thanksgiving Day, on Ash-Wednesday, and thereafter morning prayer, twice a week, on Wednesdays and Fridays, through Lent, with Sermons morning and evening on Good Friday. The Holy Eucharist has been administered on the first Sunday of every month, on Christmas Day, and Easter day, besides several times in private to the sick.

The parish is increasing, and would increase much more rapidly if the building were enlarged; a measure which is now in serious contemplation. Some repairs and improvements have already been commenced, and it is hoped that another year will witness a great improvement in external convenience. With regard to the spiritual state of the Church,

it is believed to be not inferior to the general average, but cannot be set forth as entitled to any special commendation.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, CASTLETON.

UNDER THE PASTORAL CHARGE OF THE REV. O. HOPSON AND THE REV. A. H. BAILEY.

It is but a little more than a year since the services of the Church were held for the first time in Hydeville (Castleton). For several months we met for public worship in a school-house, at a little distance from the village. Now we meet in a large upper room, in a more central position, fitted up in an appropriate manner for the convenient performance of our services, with suitable chancel arrangements, a large Vestry room adjoining, and affording a sufficient number of sittings for at least two hundred people. A fine-toned Organ, of sufficient size, has also been provided. For all these accommodations, we are indebted, mainly, to the highly commendable zeal and liberality of the Hydeville Company, who, at an expense of about four hundred dollars, (independent of the Organ, yet including a Bell upon the tower,) have provided and furnished this Room for the purposes of public Worship, and offered the use of it, for a term of years, and without charge, to the Episcopal Society, for as large a portion of time as the Society shall be able to occupy it. A valuable Communion Table of white marble has been generously presented to the Church by Mr. Isaac Fournier, one of the operatives in the factory—the materials of which being furnished by the Hydeville Company. It is also with very great pleasure that this opportunity is embraced of acknowledging the receipt of a very beautiful and valuable surplice, of linen lawn, the generous and highly prized gift of the Ladies of Trinity Church, Rutland.

Services, during the last conventional year, one-fourth of the time till Easter; since then, on alternate Sundays. Baptisms, (adult, 1, children, 5,) 6; Confirmed, 5; Burials, 1; Communicants, (added anew, 3, by removal, 2, lost by removal, 3, by death, 1,) present number, 11; Sunday School Teachers, 8; Scholars, 44; Bible Class, 6.

Contributions: Alms at the Holy Communion,	\$6.70
for Bible and Prayer Book, and Pulpit Hang-	
ings, (in part.)	15.00
for Sunday School,	9.00
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	\$30.70

The prospects of the parish are at present highly encouraging. A commendable and enlightened zeal is manifest on the part of its members and friends. Large and increasing numbers attend upon the services of the sanctuary. A goodly company of children and youth are in

the regular course of religious instruction, and cheering evidence is afforded, in several individual instances, that these instructions, through the gracious influences of the Spirit, have not been in vain. With the present indications of good, and in view of the prospective growth of the village, and the enterprising character of the inhabitants, this parish, with suitable and timely aid, and under the Divine blessing—without which all human effort is vain—will, it is believed, at no distant day, take a prominent position among the stronger parishes of the Diocese; and be able to impart to others the benefits which may now, and for a time, be needful for it to receive.

CHRIST-CHURCH, ENOSBURGH.

JOHN A. FITCH, RECTOR.

Baptisms, (infants,) 1; confirmed, 1; marriages, 1; burials, 2.	
Contributions, for Foreign and Domestic Missions,	\$3.50
for Diocesan Missions,	2.00
for Contingent Fund of Diocese,	2.00
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	\$7.50

ZION CHURCH, FACTORY POINT.

THE REV. HENRY BLACKALLER, RECTOR.

Families, (comprising adults, 96, children, 86, total, 182,) 39; Baptisms, (adult, 1, children, 3,) 4; Marriages, 1; Burials, 1; Communicants, (added anew, 1, removed from the parish, 3, died, 1,) present number, 44; Catechumens, (boys, 36, girls, 37,) 73.

Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	\$12.98
for Foreign Missions,	10.00
for other purposes, about	55.00
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	\$77.98

Public Worship, on Sundays, throughout the year, one Sunday excepted, (frequently three services); on other days, occasionally in the district School rooms and private houses, on all the principal Fasts and Festivals, and on the days appointed by the State. The Holy Eucharist, on the first Sunday of every month, with one exception. The children have been catechised monthly, immediately after the administration of the Holy Eucharist.

There have been no very material changes in the parish since our last report. Most of our influential members have passed the age of personal activity; and with respect to the few that might make themselves useful, the cares of life, or the lack of the true Christian spirit, operates to deter them from offering their services.

Of the ten classes in our Sunday School, all the teachers but one, are females, who, when truly pious—which, I trust, is happily the case with ours—are always the ready helpers in every good work. Woman was first to sin, and truly she is the first to repent and believe in the Saviour. We have of late procured the Sunday School Liturgy, published by the P. Episcopal Evangelical Knowledge Society, which, by furnishing the children with a responsive service, has begotten among them a much more lively interest. Dr. Rudd's Questions on the Prayer Book, also, have been introduced, which draws their attention to its structure and use, so that they appear to take more interest in the public services of the sanctuary.

Our labors have, of late, been more especially directed to the Sunday School, as furnishing the most promising ground of hope for future prosperity. Amidst a variety of local discouragements we take the motto of Gideon, and hope on, "faint, yet pursuing."

CHRIST CHURCH, GUILFORD.

THE REV. JOHN B. PRADT, LATE RECTOR.

Baptisms, (adults, 3, children, 2,) 5; Confirmations, 3; Marriages, 3; Burials, 5; Communicants, (added, 6, removed, 3, died, 1,) present number, 66.

Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion, \$27.00

The late Rector, in leaving this parish for another field of labor, would express the earnest hope that it may soon secure the services of a faithful pastor, and be abundantly watered with the dews of the Divine blessing.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, HIGHGATE.

THE REV. C. R. BATCHELDER, RECTOR.

The condition of this parish is much the same as at the last Convention. The Church is open for Divine Service twice each Sunday, and for Morning Service on the several Festivals and Fasts of the year. I have also said Evening Prayer, and preached frequently at Swanton Falls, and at a School House in a distant part of the parish. These Services have been well attended, and may, I hope, produce some good fruit.

The Holy Communion has been administered twelve times. I have attended two funerals, one in my own parish, and one in St. Albans. There have been two marriages and six baptisms. Three persons were confirmed at the annual visitation of the Bishop. The number of communicants is about fifty, but they are quite remiss in coming to the Holy Communion. A Sunday School is held on each Sunday, except when the Communion is administered.

CALVARY CHURCH, JERICHO. (VACANT.)

Families, 9; Communicants, 15; Died, 2.

Contributions: Alms at the Holy Communion,	\$1.00
for contingent fund,	2.00
for other purposes,	8.00
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	\$11.00

Lay Reading is sustained once every Sunday. We were favored with preaching by the Rev. S. B. Bostwick, for two Sundays, on one of which he administered the Holy Eucharist.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, MIDDLEBURY.

THE REV. JAMES MULCHAHEY, RECTOR.

Families, (comprising adults, 163, children, 88, total, 251,) 60; Baptisms, (adult, 1, children, 10,) 11; Confirmed, 4; Marriage, 1; Burials, 8; Communicants, (added, 12, removed, 1, died, 1,) present number, 86; Catechumens, 52.

Contributions: Alms at the Holy Communion,	\$34.87
for General Missions, Domestic,	29.16
for Foreign Missions,	18.25
for aged and infirm Clergymen,	8.07
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	\$90.35

Public Worship, on Sundays, Morning and Evening; on every Holy Day, Morning Prayer; on Christmas Eve, Service and Sermon; on the great Festivals and Fasts, and on Thanksgiving Day, Morning and Evening Prayer, with Sermon in the Morning; during Lent, on Tuesday Evenings, Service and Lecture; on Wednesday Mornings, Service; also on Friday Mornings, with Lecture: during Passion Week, Morning Service daily. The Holy Eucharist has been administered on the first Sunday of every month, and on all other days for which a proper preface is provided; also in private to the sick four times. The children are catechised in the Church customarily on every Lord's Day.

In addition to the contributions reported above, it ought also to be stated, that the Ladies of the parish have purchased new lamps for the Church, at an expense of \$42.00; and that the S. S. Library has been replenished by \$25.00 worth of Books. The Parsonage has also been considerably improved.

Compared with the past, the Parish may now be said to be in a very encouraging condition; but much yet remains to be desired and labored for, before it shall have attained to that position, which, from its age, its location and other advantages, it ought now to occupy. The present Rector was elected and entered upon his duties in October last, and was instituted by the Rt. Rev. Bishop on Wednesday, the 10th of July.

UNION CHURCH, MONTGOMERY.

THE REV. E. H. SAYLES, RECTOR.

Families, (comprising adults, 90; children 56,) 31; baptisms, 4 infants; marriages, 2; burials, 6; communicants removed into the parish, 1; died, 2; present number, 63; catechumens, (boys, 10, girls, 15,) 25.

Contributions: alms at the Holy Communion,	\$6.39
for General Missions, Domestic,	1.50
for General Missions, Foreign,	1.50
for Contingent Fund of the Diocese,	3.00
for Sunday School Library,	12.00
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	\$24.39

Public worship on Sundays, two services in the Church every Sunday, conducted alternately by the Rector and Lay Reader. And a third service is held every other Sunday, by the Rector in school houses in different parts of the parish. On other days divine service is celebrated on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Epiphany Eve, Good Friday, Thanksgiving Day and Fast Day, but when the State Fast comes after Easter Sunday, the Church is not opened. The Holy Communion is administered eight times per year. The children are catechised every other Sunday, the young people by the Rector on the Collect, Epistle and Gospel, taken in course, and the others by teachers.

Lay reading is regularly sustained, and produces the same beneficial results as in the other parish, the same sermons being read. The congregation remains about the same as last year, averaging about 100, and the third service about 60. Two aged and venerable communicants, who assisted in the organization of this branch of the Church militant, have been removed to the Church Triumphant. Peace and harmony prevail, and though we have to regret that none have been added to our list of communicants, still we labor in faith and hope.

In relation to both parishes the Rector would report that he has under his care 67 families, 202 adults and 101 children, and that in the course of two weeks he preaches to about 340; Since the last Convention he has preached 170 times, within his own parish, baptized 3 adults and 13 children, attended 6 funerals, administered the Holy Communion 17 times, catechised his Bible classes 52 times, and under the kind hand of Providence his health has not failed for a moment.

CHRIST CHURCH, MONTPELIER.

THE REV. EDWARD F. PUTNAM, RECTOR.

Baptisms, (adult 1, children 2,) 3; Confirmed 4 (beside 2 others hindered by illness and the weather); Marriages 2; Burials 2; Communi-

cants, (added anew 3, removed into the parish 2, removed from the parish 2,) present number 40; Catechumens, (boys 15, girls 27,) 42.

Contributions: Alms at the Offertory,	\$35.00
for Sunday School and Bible Class,	15.00
for purchase of Bell,	240.00
for contingent Fund,	4.00
for miscellaneous objects,	25.00
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	\$319.00

Public Service twice on Sundays, once on the greater Festivals; on Ash-Wednesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of Passion Week, with Sermon. Holy Eucharist the first Sunday of each month. A third Service on Sunday in an adjacent town has been recently introduced, and under promising circumstances.

The present Rector was invited to the charge of this parish in the fourth week of Advent, and removed hither on the 18th of January last; since which date he has labored regularly, with the exception of two Sundays during the latter part of summer. He is happy to report a manifest increase in the number both of regular attendants and transient hearers, and likewise records, with satisfaction, the prompt and cheerful response of the parishioners to all his suggestions of parochial improvements—in addition to their own designs for the prosperity of the Church. The Sunday School Library has been enlarged, and a distinct Library for the Bible Class begun—being selected by himself. The Sunday School itself is prospering through the zealous exertions of the several teachers, and the Bible Class, formed in the spring, is conducted by the Rector, with books of instruction introduced by him especially for their use. Aided by an efficient choir, he has been enabled to give somewhat greater fullness to the music of the Service, and set forth more profitably the praise of God in the worship.

Among other measures of improvement in externals, may be mentioned the renovation of the Organ, the purchase of a fine-toned Bell from the excellent establishment of A. Meneely, Troy, N. Y., who kindly contributed \$21.00 to the sum elsewhere specified.

If in the preceding statements the Rector may seem to read signs of encouragement for the Holy Church, yet he cannot but lament the evident disproportion of the number of Communicants to the size of the Parish. So far as the youthfulness of the latter may be pleaded in extenuation, he is ready to concur, and also to adduce the usual obstacles to a system which lays the foundation of piety, "not in hearing only," but "in doing" devotionally "the Lord's will." But yet the before-mentioned defect may well be noticed anew, if only to serve as an incitement to the Parish and himself, and to remind *both*, that whoever planteth, it is God alone who can give the increase.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, EAST POULTNEY.

THE REV. O. HOPSON, RECTOR.

Families, (adults, 95, children, 63, total, 158,) 45; Baptisms, (adults, 2, children, 5,) 7; Confirmed, 3; Marriages, 2; Burials, 1; Communicants, (added anew, 5, by removal, 1, lost by removal, 2, by death, 1,) present number, 59; Sunday School Teachers, 12; Scholars, 40.

Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	\$13.75
for Domestic Missions,	9.40
for Diocesan Missions,	5.00
for aged and infirm Clergymen,	5.00
for Contingent Fund of the Diocese,	4.00
for Sunday School,	5.10
by Ladies' Sewing Society, for Bible and Prayer Book for Desk,	17.50
by the parish, to liquidate a debt of several years standing,	140.00
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	\$199.75

Public Worship regular, on alternate Sundays, and on the principal Festivals and Fasts of the Church. The Holy Communion has been administered seven times.

GRACE CHURCH, RANDOLPH.

REV. J. OBEAR, RECTOR.

Families, removed, 2; present number, 36, comprising adults 115, children 50, total 165; baptisms, adults, 2; confirmations, 2; communicants, added, 8, removed 4, present number, 60; marriages, 1.

Alms at the Holy Communion, \$30.65

Public services regular morning and evening on each Lord's Day; also on the great Festivals, Thanksgiving Day and Ash Wednesday, in the morning; and morning prayer on Wednesday, and evening prayer on Friday, through the season of Lent. The Parish remains in nearly the same condition that it was at the period of the last report.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, ROYALTON.

THE REV. JOSIAH SWETT, RECTOR.

Families, 6; baptised, infants, 1; communicants, 17.

Preaching and the Holy Communion on the first Sunday in each month, with two exceptions.

This Church is not materially different from last year.

TRINITY CHURCH, RUTLAND.

THE REV. JOHN A. HICKS, D. D., RECTOR.

Families, (comprising adults, 145, children, 70, total, 215,) 60; Baptisms, (children,) 5; Confirmed, 1; Burials, 5; Communicants, (removed from the parish, 1,) present number, 71.

Contributions, for General Missions, Domestic,	\$15.00
for Foreign Missions,	16.50
for the contingent fund of the Diocese,	8.00
for Easter fund,	5.00
for Parsonage at Fort Wayne,	5.00
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	\$49.50

TRINITY CHURCH, SHELBURNE.

THE REV. RICHARD F. CADLE, RECTOR.

Families, (comprising adults, 112, children, 56, total, 168,) 43; baptisms of children, 3; confirmed, 2; marriages, 2; burials, 2; communicants, (added anew, 1, removed into the parish, 3, removed from the parish, 4,) present number, 40.

Contributions: Alms at the Holy Communion,	\$10.00
(In this sum are included \$1.25, applied to Domestic Missions; \$1.20 applied towards repaying an advance of four dollars assessed on this Church in the year 1849; \$0.36 applied to the Diocesan Missions; 0.50 applied in payment of transport of Tracts; \$1.70 applied to the aid of infirm clergymen in the Diocese of Vt.; \$4.00 applied toward the Contingent Fund of the Diocese for the year 1850.)	
for Diocesan Missions,	1,63½
for Domestic Missions, (a private contribution,)	1,10
for paying assessments on this Church for the year 1848, contributed by the Ladies of the parish,	4,00
for repaying an advance of four dollars assessments on this Church in the year 1849,	2,80
for Tracts on confirmation,	2,00
for other purposes,	4,25
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	\$25,81½

Public worship on Sundays, 80 services; on other days, 4 services.

The Holy Eucharist has been administered publicly ten times. A few children have been catechised and instructed since the 1st of June. Previously to that date I had delivered to a Bible class lectures on a portion of the New Testament amounting to 26, in the interval between the morning and afternoon services on Sundays. I have preached or lectured at Shelburne on occasions of public worship 58 times on Sundays, and 4 times on other days.

GRACE CHURCH, SHELDON.

THE REV. JOHN A. FITCH, RECTOR.

Baptisms, (infant 1; Burials, (adult 1, infant 1,) 2; Communicants, (removed from the parish, 1,) present number, about 64; Catechumens, about 25.

Contributions: for Foreign Missions,	\$7.50
for Domestic Missions,	7.50
for Diocesan Missions,	2.00
for contingent fund of the Diocese,	2.00
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	\$19.00

State of the Parish much as when last reported.

UNION CHURCH, ST. ALBANS.

THE REV. CHARLES FAY, RECTOR.

Families, (white 57, colored 4,) 61, comprising, with other individuals, 288 persons. Baptisms, (adults 2, infants 4,) 6; Baptisms previous year, but by omission not reported, (adults 3, children 24,) 27. Confirmed, 3; Marriages, 8; Burials 8; Communicants, (removed 8, died 6, added 9,) present number, 101; Sunday Scholars, 60; Teachers, 9.

Contributions: Alms at the Holy Communion,	\$52.24
for General Missions, Domestic,	26.16
for Foreign Missions,	20.40
for new books for Choir,	10.00
for re-furnishing Choir,	23.00
for making repairs on the Church,	27.00
for Sunday School Books,	7.00
for contingent fund,	10.00
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	\$175.80

Public Worship, on Sundays and other days the same as last year.

The Parish seems to be slowly, but steadily, growing. Unanimity prevails, and the people are liberal, according to their means, in meeting the demands which are made upon them.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, VERGENNES.

THE REV. W. W. HICKOX, OF THE DIOCESE OF NEW YORK, RECTOR.

Baptisms, (infants, 7, adults, 1,) 8; burials, 2; communicants, 44; added, 2; total, 46.

Alms at Communion,	\$15.00
Increase of S. S. Library,	2.63
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	17.63

Divine Service three Sundays each month, morning and evening. I have officiated three times also in Ferrisburgh.

This Parish, which I found in a low state—having suffered much by removals, and the want of regular and uninterrupted services—has continued to suffer from the same causes since my connection with it. Still the congregations I believe are not materially less than in the previous year.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, TINMOUTH.

REV. MOORE BINGHAM, OF THE DIOCESE OF NEW YORK, RECTOR.

Families, 10; communicants, 15; baptisms, (adults,) 2; communicants, added, 3; Sunday School 15; confirmations, 2.

Services have been regularly holden in this parish on alternate Sundays, and the congregations have been usually good. No reasonable doubt can be entertained that a good parish will gradually grow up in Tinmouth.

Contributions: for the Convention Fund,	\$1.00
for Diocesan Missions,	2.32
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	\$3.32

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, WOODSTOCK.

THE REV. M. A. HERRICK, RECTOR.

Families, (adults, 100, children, 52, total, 152,) 40; Baptisms, (adult, 1, children, 6,) 7; Confirmations, 3; Communicants, (added, 6,) present number, 45; Marriages, 3; Catechumens, 30.

Contributions, offerings at the Holy Communion,	\$24.00
for General Missions, Domestic,	10.00
for Parochial purposes,	30.00
for Contingent Fund,	6.00
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	\$70.00

Public Service twice on all Sundays in the year, except one; on every

day in Passion Week ; on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Good Friday, and also on the days appointed for public Prayer and Thanksgiving. The Burial Service has been said three times, but, through Divine mercy, none belonging to the parish, except one child, have died during the past year ; nor has the parish lost but one Communicant by death during the last three years.

The Rector is happy to add, that the addition of several families during the last year has given new strength and encouragement to the parish.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, WINDSOR.

THE REV. JOSIAH PERRY, D. D., RECTOR.

Families, (comprising adults, 79, children, 34,) 29 ; other persons, of whom some statedly, and others frequently attend the services of the Church, 25 ; Communicants last reported, 36 ; (died, 2, removed into the parish, 1, added, 10,) present number, 45 ; Baptisms, (adults, 3, children, 5,) 8 ; Confirmed, 3 ; Marriages, 2 ; Burials, 6, one of which was in a neighboring town ; Catechumens, 17 ; Teachers, 3.

Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	\$11.80
for Domestic Missions,	10.00
for other purposes,	42.00
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	\$63.80

The Holy Communion is celebrated monthly.

Public Worship : Morning and Evening on Sunday, and in the Morning on the principal Festivals and Fasts of the Church. During Lent, and a considerable part of the year, an Evening meeting, once a week, has been held in private dwellings, for instruction and devotion.

The recovery of the parish from the extreme depression of former years, is indeed slow, but certainly progressive.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, WELLS.

THE REV. O. HOPSON, RECTOR.

Families, (adults, 34, children, 36, total, 70,) 14 ; Baptisms, (children,) 3 ; Burial, 1 ; Communicants, (added anew, 1, by removal, 1, lost by removal, 2,) present number, 29 ; Sunday School Teachers, 8 ; Scholars, 41.

Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	\$7.00
for Domestic Missions,	2.60
for Diocesan Missions,	2.50
for Contingent Fund,	2.00
for Sunday School,	2.23
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	\$16.33

Public Worship regular, on alternate Sundays--Lay Services being held in the absence of the Rector. The Holy Communion once in eight weeks.

This parish has suffered much the past year by the removal of several important members. Yet a tried and faithful little band of devoted Churchmen still remains, affording ground of hope that the dews of Divine blessing may yet be shed forth in still more abundant measures, upon this portion of the Lord's vineyard.

APPENDIX II.

LIST OF THE CLERGY

In the Diocese of Vermont, with the Parishes under their charge.

The Rt. Rev. JOHN HENRY HOPKINS, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, and Rector of St. Paul's Church, Burlington.

PRESBYTERS.

- The Rev. ALBERT H. BAILEY, Rector of St. Thomas' Church, Brandon.
The Rev. C. R. BATCHELDER, Rector of St. John's Church, Highgate.
The Rev. HENRY BLACKALLER, Rector of Zion Church, Factory Point.
The Rev. JOEL CLAP, D. D., Rector of Immanuel Church, Belows Falls.
The Rev. RICHARD F. CADLE, Rector of Trinity Church, Shelburne.
The Rev. CHARLES FAY, Rector of Union Church, St. Albans.
The Rev. JOHN A. FITCH, Rector of Grace Church, Sheldon, and Christ Church, Enosburgh.
The Rev. JOHN A. HICKS, D. D., Rector of Trinity Church, Rutland.
The Rev. MARCELLUS A. HERRICK, Rector of St. James' Church, Woodstock.
The Rev. O. HOPSON, Rector of St. John's Church, Poultney, and St. Paul's Church, Wells.
The Rev. GEORGE B. MANSEY, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Bennington.
The Rev. JAMES MULCHAHEY, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Middlebury.
The Rev. LOUIS M'DONALD.
The Rev. JOSIAH OBEAR, Rector of Grace Church, Randolph.
The Rev. JOSIAH PERRY, D. D., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Windsor.
The Rev. EDWARD F. PUTNAM, Rector of Christ Church, Montpelier.
The Rev. EZEKIEL H. SAYLES, Rector of Union Church, Montgomery, and Calvary Church, Berkshire.
The Rev. JOSIAH SWETT, Rector of Christ Church, Bethel, and St. Paul's Church, Royalton.
The Rev. FREDERICK A. WADLEIGH, Rector of St. James' Church, Arlington.

DEACONS.

- Rev. THORNTON W. CLAPP.
Rev. ZADOCK THOMPSON, residing at Burlington.
Rev. WM. R. JOHNSON, officiating in Castleton.

CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS.

GEMONT GRAVES. JOHN E. JOHNSON. THEODORE A. HOPKINS.

APPENDIX III.

LIST OF PARISHES

In the Diocese of Vermont, with their Rectors or Ministers.

PARISHES.	RECTORS.
ST. JAMES', Arlington,	Rev. FRED'K WADLEIGH.
IMMANUEL, Bellows Falls,	Rev. JOEL CLAP, D. D.
ST. PETER's, Bennington,	Rev. GEORGE B. MANSEY.
CALVARY, Berkshire,	Rev. E. H. SAYLES.
CHRIST, Bethel,	Rev. JOSIAH SWETT.
ST. THOMAS', Brandon,	Rev. A. H. BAILEY.
ST. PAUL's, Burlington,	Rt. Rev. J. H. HOPKINS, D. D.
ST. JAMES', Castleton,	Rev. O. HOPSON.
CHRIST, Enosburgh,	Rev. J. A. FITCH.
ZION, Factory Point,	Rev. H. BLACKALLER.
CHRIST, Fairfax,	VACANT.
TRINITY, Fairfield,	VACANT.
CHRIST, Guilford,	VACANT.
ST. JOHN's, Highgate,	Rev. C. R. BATCHELDER.
CALVARY, Jericho,	VACANT.
ST. STEPHEN's, Middlebury,	Rev. JAS. MULCHAHEY.
UNION, Montgomery,	Rev. E. H. SAYLES.
CHRIST, Montpelier,	Rev. E. F. PUTNAM.
ST. JOHN's, Poultney,	Rev. O. HOPSON.
GRACE, Randolph,	Rev. JOSIAH OBEAR.
ST. ANDREW's, Rochester,	
ST. PAUL's, Royalton,	Rev. JOSIAH SWETT.
TRINITY, Rutland,	Rev. JOHN A. HICKS, D. D.
TRINITY, Shelburne,	Rev. RICHARD F. CADLE.
GRACE, Sheldon,	Rev. J. A. FITCH.
UNION, Springfield,	
UNION, St. Albans,	Rev. CHARLES FAY.
ST. STEPHEN's, Tinmouth,	Rev. M. BINGHAM, of N. Y.
ST. PAUL's, Wells,	Rev. O. HOPSON.
ST. PAUL's, Windsor,	Rev. JOSIAH PERRY, D. D.
ST. JAMES', Woodstock,	Rev. M. A. HERRICK.
ST. PAUL's, Vergennes,	Rev. W. W. HICKOX, of N. Y.

APPENDIX IV.

RELIEF OF AGED AND INFIRM CLERGYMEN, &c.

At a meeting of the Bishop and Standing Committee, held at St. Paul's Church, Burlington, Sept. 19, 1850, after examining the Report of the Treasurer, in reference to the amount, now in his hands, for the relief of Aged and Infirm Clergymen, &c.

On motion,

Resolved, That the sum of *forty dollars* be appropriated for the benefit of the Rev. Louis M'Donald, and that the Treasurer be, and hereby is, instructed to pay the same.

On motion,

Resolved, That the sum of *thirty dollars* be appropriated for the benefit of widow Ruth Gray, relict of Rev. Jordan Gray, and that the Treasurer be, and hereby is, instructed to pay the same.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to draw orders on the Treasury for the aforesaid appropriations.

Attest,

GEORGE B. MANSER,

Secretary of Standing Committee.

APPENDIX VI.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

DIOCESE OF VERMONT,

IN ACCOUNT WITH N. PARKER, TREASURER,

1849.		<i>Dr.</i>
Sept. 19.	To cash on hand, (see Journal, 1849,)	\$140.05
1850.		
Sept.	To cash received from Union Ch. Montgomery,	3.00
"	" " Calvary " Berkshire,	3.00
"	" " Union " St. Albans,	10.00
"	" " St. Paul's " Burlington,	10.00
"	" " Trinity " Shelburne,	4.00
"	" " St. Stephen's " Middlebury,	8.00
"	" " St. Thomas' " Brandon,	2.00
"	" " St. John's " Poultney,	4.00
"	" " St. Paul's " Wells,	2.00
"	" " St. James' " Arlington,	8.00
"	" " Christ " Guilford,	2.00
"	" " Immanuel " Bellows Falls,	8.00
"	" " St. James' " Woodstock,	6.00
"	" " Christ " Bethel,	2.00
"	" " St. Paul's " Royalton,	2.00
"	" " St. Peter's " Bennington,	4.00
"	" " Trinity " Rutland,	4.00
"	" " Trinity " Shelburne, } (two years) }	4.00
		<hr/> \$226.05
1849.		<i>Cr.</i>
Nov. 12.	By this sum paid Secretary's draft for Jour- nals of Convention,	\$65.95
1850.		
Sept. 18.	By cash on hand,	160.10
		<hr/> \$226.05

NAHUM PARKER, *Treasurer.*

APPENDIX VII.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF FUND FOR AGED AND INFIRM CLERGYMEN, &c.

NAHUM PARKER, *Treasurer*,

1849.		<i>Dr.</i>
Sept.	To amount on hand (see Journal 1849),	\$75.00
1850.		
April	To cash rec'd Easter Coll. Trinity Ch. Shelburne,	1.70
	To " " " " Immanuel Ch. Bellows Falls,	9.06
May	To " " " " St. Stephen's, Middlebury,	8.17
July	To " " of Christ-Church, Guilford,	2.00
Sept.	To " " St. John's Church, Poultney,	5.00
	To " " Trinity Church, Rutland,	5.00
	To " " St. James' Church, Arlington,	10.28
	To " " Christ Church, Bethel,	3.00
	To " " Zion Church, Factory Point,	5.00
	To " " St. Thomas' Church, Brandon,	3.50
	To " " St. Paul's Church, Burlington,	21.63
		<u>\$149.34</u>
		<i>Cr.</i>
1850.		
March.	By cash paid L. McDonald per order of Com.	\$50.00
Sept. 19.	By balance on hand,	99.34
		<u>\$149.34</u>

N. PARKER, *Treasurer*.

MISSIONS.

G. B. MANSER,
Secretary of Missionary Committee.

Dr.

N. PARKER, *Treasurer.*

APPENDIX IX.

OFFICERS OF THE CONVENTION.

The Rt. Rev. JOHN H. HOPKINS, D. D., President, *ex officio*.

Rev. GEO. B. MANSER, Secretary, Bennington.

NAHUM PARKER, Treasurer, Middlebury.

Standing Committee.

Rev. JOHN A. HICKS, D. D., President, Rutland.

Rev. JOEL CLAP, D. D.

Rev. GEO. B. MANSER.

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Rev. GEO. B. MANSER.

Rev. HENRY BLACKALLER.

Lay Delegates to the General Convention.

Hon. ISAAC F. REDFIELD.

GEO. T. HODGES, Esquire.

Hon. EDMUND WESTON.

OZIAS SEYMOUR, Esquire.

Missionary Committee.

The Rt. Rev. BISHOP of the Diocese, Chairman, *ex officio*,

The STANDING COMMITTEE, and the following
of the Laity :

Messrs. NAHUM PARKER.

R. G. COLE.

ROLLIN EATON.

Trustees of the General Theological Seminary.

Rev. JOHN A. HICKS, D. D.

Rev. JOEL CLAP, D. D.

R. G. COLE, Esquire.





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THE next ANNUAL CONVENTION of the Union, & H. S. S. of the
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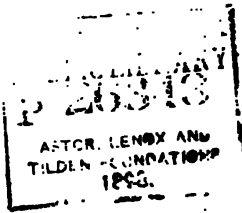
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FORM OF CERTIFICATE FOR LAY-PRESENTERS

I hereby certify, that at a meeting of the Vestry of _____
held on the _____ (insert date), on _____ (insert day of the week),
_____ A. B. and C. D. &c., members of the Vestry, were duly elected and
again to represent the said Parish in the coming Convention of the Union.

Witness my hand _____

Minister of the Gospel.



Diocese of Vermont.

SIXTY-FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION.

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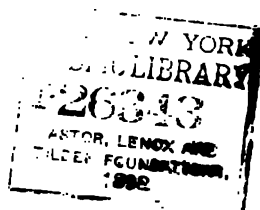
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CHRIST CHURCH, MONTPELIER, }
September 17, 1851.

THIS being the day appointed for the meeting of the ANNUAL CONVENTION of the PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE DIOCESE OF VERMONT, the Bishop, Clergy and Lay Delegates assembled in Christ Church, Montpelier, and at nine o'clock, A. M., the Convention was called to order by the Right Reverend Bishop of the Diocese, *ex officio*; the Rev. George B. Manser being Secretary.

The Clergy present were

The RT. REV. JOHN HENRY HOPKINS, D. D.,	
The Rev. ALBERT H. BAILEY,	The Rev. WM. R. JOHNSON,
" C. R. BATCHELDER,	" GEORGE B. MANSER,
" JOEL CLAP, D. D.,	" JAMES MULCHAHEY,
" RICHARD F. CADLE,	" JOSIAH OBEAR,
" CHARLES FAY,	" E. F. PUTNAM,
" M. A. HERRICK,	" E. H. SAYLES,
" OLIVER HOPSON.	" JOSIAH SWETT.

The Lay Delegates present were the following:—

Immanuel Church, Bellows Falls; Mr. Ethan B. Webb.

Christ Church, Bethel; Mr. Asa Davis.

St. Peter's Church, Bennington; Mr. U. L. Cockson.

St. James' Church, Castleton; Mr. Jas. G. Whitlock.

Christ Church, Enosburgh ; Mr. C. R. Brewer.

Christ Church, Guilford ; Mr. Isaac Brown.

St. John's Church, Highgate ; Mr. Eben Hill.

St. Stephen's Church, Middlebury ; Messrs. Edward Wainwright, Ozias Seymour.

Christ Church, Montpelier ; Messrs. Timothy P. Redfield, S. B. Colby.

St. John's Church, Poultney ; Mr. Amon Bailey.

Grace Church, Randolph ; Mr. Edmund Weston.

St. Paul's Church, Roylton ; Mr. D. C. Denison.

Grace Church, Sheldon ; Mr. J. P. Potter.

Union Church, St. Albans ; Mr. Bildad Paull.

St. Paul's Church, Wells ; Mr. R. H. Hopson.

St. Paul's Church, Windsor ; Mr. Major Smith.

St. James' Church, Woodstock ; Mr. Joel Eaton.

St. Paul's Church, Vergennes ; Mr. S. A. Wilkins.

A quorum of the Clergy and Laity was found to be present,—Whereupon,

On motion,

Resolved, That Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church, not canonically entitled to seats in this Convention, and all Candidates for Holy Orders, in this Church, and members of the Standing Committee, who may be present, and the Treasurer of the Diocese, be and hereby are, invited to attend the sittings of the Convention.

The Rev. Messrs. Louis McDonald, Geo. C. V. Eastman and W. W. Hickox were present and took seats in the Convention, under the above resolution.

The Convention then proceeded to elect a Secretary for the year ensuing ;—the ballots being taken, the Rev. Geo. B. Manser was re-elected.

Nahum Parker, Esq., of Middlebury, was re-elected Treasurer of the Convention for the ensuing year.

The following resolution having been read, was, on motion, laid on the table, to be resumed at the evening session :

Resolved, That the next Annual Convention of this Diocese be held at St. James' Church, Woodstock.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop appointed, as the Committee on Finance, the following gentlemen, to wit : Amon Bailey, S. B. Colby, and Ozias Seymour, Esqrs.

On motion,

The Convention then took a recess till 3 o'clock this afternoon, for the purpose of attending Divine Service.

Morning prayer was said by the Rev. Oliver Hopson, of St. John's Church, Poultney ; the sermon before Convention was preached by the Rev. James Mulchahey, of St. Stephen's Church, Middlebury ; after which the Rt. Reverend the Bishop proceeded to ordain the Rev. William R. Johnson to the order of Priesthood. The candidate was presented by the Rev. Dr. Clap, of Immanuel Church, Bellows Falls ; the Rt. Reverend the Bishop was assisted in the administration of the Holy Communion by the Rev. Mr. Mulchahey.

3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Convention again assembled, pursuant to adjournment.

The Right Reverend Bishop then delivered his annual

A D D R E S S .

BELOVED BRETHREN :

The year which has passed since we met together in our diocesan Convention has been more than commonly fruitful in the evidences of the divine blessing. And at no former period, during the nineteen anniversaries of my episcopate, has the record which it is my duty to lay be-

fore you been prepared with so strong a sentiment of gratitude to the favoring Providence of God. According to the usual order, I shall first state briefly the course of my visitation, and then notice the main facts worthy of observation.

On the evening of Good Friday, April 18th, I held the annual Confirmation at St. Paul's Church, Burlington, on which occasion I preached, and confirmed twenty-five persons.

May 25th, being the 5th Sunday after Easter, I visited St. Stephen's Church, Middlebury, preached three times, and confirmed eight persons, the Rector, Rev. James Mulchahey, assisting.

Tuesday, May 27th, I visited Calvary Church, Jericho, preached on that and the following day, baptised four children and administered the Communion. This small but zealous society is still held together by lay-reading, and instead of being disheartened, they have raised a subscription to build a Church, in the hope of securing regular ministerial services.

Wednesday, June 11th, I visited St. Thomas' Church, Brandon, preached in the morning, and confirmed one person, and in the afternoon I preached at Forestdale, in the School house, and administered Confirmation in private to a sick person, the Rev. Mr. Bailey assisting in the services. I am happy to add that at the latter place, Forestdale, a new Church has been erected, which is almost ready for consecration, intended to accommodate a considerable number of families connected with the Iron Works, and who could not in any other way be brought within the privileges of the Gospel. But it is not designed at present to have a distinct parish ; both places of worship being under the same vestry, and intended to be served by the same Rector.

Thursday, June 12th, I visited Trinity Church, Rutland, where I preached twice, and confirmed five persons. the Rector, Rev. Dr. Hicks, assisting. Here, too, it gives me pleasure to say that the parish has raised the means to put the parsonage in complete repair, and make some considerable improvement in the Church building.

Wednesday, June 18th, I visited St. Stephen's Church, Tinmouth, and preached in the School house, the Rev. Mr. Hopson assisting.

Thursday, June 19th, I preached in the morning at St. John's Church, Poultney, and confirmed four persons. And in the afternoon, I proceeded to St. Paul's Church, Wells, and preached; the Rector, Rev. Mr. Hopson, assisting in the services on both occasions.

Friday, June 20th, I visited St. Paul's Church, Vergennes, preached, and confirmed five persons, the Rector, Rev. Mr. Hickox, of the diocese of New York, assisting.

Tuesday, July 15th, I visited St. James' Church, Hydeville, preached twice, and confirmed five persons, the Rector, Rev. Mr. Bailey, and the Rev. Mr. Hopson, assisting in the services, which were remarkably well attended, and highly interesting.

Wednesday, July 16th. I proceeded, along with the Rev. Mr. Hopson, to Benson, where I preached, and confirmed one person. This is a new location for our Church, and as yet, is missionary ground, but full of promise. I was most agreeably surprised to see so large a congregation, and to learn that the zeal of Rev. Mr. Hopson was likely to be again rewarded by so cordial a measure of kindly co-operation, in his labour of love.

Thursday, July 17th, I visited Zion Church, Factory Point, and preached, the Rector, Rev. Mr. Blackaller, being absent on account of ill health. I am sorry to add that he has since resigned the parish, and been transfer-

red to the Diocese of Ohio, where I trust he may find the change of climate favorable.

Friday, July 18th, I proceeded to St. James' Church, Arlington, preached, and confirmed three persons, the Rector, Rev. Mr. Wadleigh, assisting.

July 20th, being the 5th Sunday after Trinity, I preached three times at St. Peter's Church, Bennington, and confirmed nine persons, the Rector, Rev. George B. Manser, assisting in the services. A suitable organ had been added since my last visitation, and I was gratified to find all things continuing to manifest the growing prosperity of this interesting parish.

Monday, July 21st, I proceeded, under Mr. Manser's care, across the mountain, to Christ Church, Guilford, where the Rev. Mr. Eastman, who has lately become the Rector of the parish, received us at the parsonage. Here I preached in the afternoon, and confirmed one person.

Tuesday, July 22d, I visited Immanuel Church, Belkows Falls, and preached, the service being performed by the Rector, Rev. Dr. Clap.

Wednesday, July 23d, I proceeded along with Dr. Clap to Proctorsville, where the Funeral Office was performed over the remains of a most estimable young man who had died in California. The Rev. Dr. Clap read the lesson and evening service, and I preached an extempore discourse and concluded the service at the grave, in the presence of a large and sympathising congregation.

Thursday, July 24th, I visited St. Paul's Church, Windsor, where I preached twice, and confirmed three persons, the minister, Rev. Wm. R. Johnson, and the Rev. Mr. Jones, of the Diocese of New York, assisting.

Friday, July 25th, I proceeded to Norwich, being my first visit to that interesting village, and was very agreeably impressed by the favorable prospects of the Church.

and of the University, under the judicious management of the Rev. Dr. Bourns, the President of the Institution. A remarkably good congregation came together in the afternoon, the music of the Church was well performed by a number of our friends from Hanover, and on the whole, I felt thoroughly convinced that, with a fair measure of aid and encouragement, there could be no doubt of a highly important and beneficial result to the interests of sound learning and religion, in due time.

July 27th, being the 6th Sunday after Trinity, I visited St. James' Church, Woodstock, where I preached three times, and confirmed six persons, the Rector, Rev. M. A. Herriek, assisting in the services.

Monday, July 28th, I proceeded to St. Paul's Church, Royalton, where I preached, and confirmed one person, Rev. Mr. Swett, the Rector, assisting.

Tuesday, July 29th, I visited Christ Church, Bethel, preached, and confirmed nine persons in Church, and one more, in private, the Rector, Rev. Mr. Swett, assisting in the services.

Wednesday, July 30th, I proceeded to Grace Church, Randolph, where I preached, and confirmed seven persons, the Rector, Rev. Mr. Obear, assisting.

Thursday, July 31st, I proceeded with Mr. Obear to Northfield, which is a Missionary station, established within the year under the care of Rev. Dr. Perry. Here I performed the evening service and preached to a small congregation. The zeal of their Minister has succeeded in taking the preliminary steps to a Parochial organization, and hopes are entertained that the Church may obtain a reasonable standing, in due season.

Friday, August 1st, I visited Christ Church, Montpelier, preached, and confirmed three persons, the Rector, Rev. Edward F. Putnam, assisting.

Resuming my labor on Wednesday, Sept. 3d, I visited Union Church, St. Albans, in the morning, preached, and confirmed eight persons, the Rector, Rev. Mr. Fay, assisting.

In the afternoon of the same day, I proceeded to St. John's Church, Highgate, of which Rev. C. R. Batchelder is the Rector, where I preached, and confirmed nine persons, most of whom were younger than I have usually seen prepared for the reception of the apostolic ordinance, but not too young to perform this duty according to the system of the Scriptures. And hence it is so expressly declared by the Church, that all who have been rightly instructed should be ready to take their baptismal covenant upon themselves, as soon as they have arrived at years of sufficient discretion to do so, with suitable intelligence and sincerity of heart. True, indeed, it is, that most persons are afraid of those youthful professors, lest they might not be found able to remain firm against the assaults of temptation. But experience and observation abundantly justify the system of the Church, by showing that those who are not brought in early life to adopt the service of Christ, are but too apt to postpone it until their best powers have been wasted in the cares and follies of the world, and in multitudes of cases, decline the duty altogether, and die without any religious hope or consolation.

Thursday, Sept. 4th, I proceeded to Grace Church, Sheldon, in company with Rev. Mr. Batchelder, where I preached, and confirmed one person, being assisted by Mr. Batchelder and the Rector, Rev. John A. Fitch.

Tuesday, Sept. 9th, I visited Christ Church, Fairfax, in the morning, preached, and confirmed one person; the Rev. Mr. Fay, of St. Albans, and the Rector, Rev. Richard F. Cadle, assisting. In the afternoon of the same day,

I proceeded to Trinity Church, Fairfield, which is also under the pastoral care of Mr. Cadle, where I preached, and confirmed three persons, one of whom belonged to Fairfax. On this occasion I was assisted by Rev. Mr. Fitch, of Sheldon.

Wednesday, Sept. 10th, I proceeded in company with Mr. Cadle, to Christ Church, Enosburgh, preached, and confirmed three persons, being assisted by Mr. Cadle and the Rector, Rev. Ezekiel H. Sayles.

The same day, in the afternoon, I preached a second time at the school-house, Enosburgh Centre, being assisted by the Rector and Rev. Mr. Fitch.

Thursday, Sept. 11th, I visited Calvary Church, East Berkshire, in the morning, preached, and confirmed one person, the Rev. Mr. Fitch assisting.

And in the afternoon of the same day, I closed my diocesan visitation by preaching at Union Church, Montgomery, being assisted in the services by Rev. Mr. Sayles.

The whole number of confirmations has been 24, to which should be added five who are to be confirmed this evening. This is very nearly forty more than the average of the Diocese for the last three years—a highly encouraging evidence of improvement and increase.

The changes in our Clergy will be the next item of information which it is my duty to place before you.

The Rev. Albert H. Bailey, who, at the time of our last Convention, was the Rector of St. Thomas' Church, Brandon, has resigned that parish, in order to take charge of St. James' Church, Hydeville.

The Rev. Richard F. Cadle, who was the Rector of Trinity Church, Shelburne, at the period of my last report, has become the Rector of the Churches in Fairfield and Fairfax.

The Rev. Josiah Perry, D. D. has resigned the parish of St. Paul's Church, Windsor, with the purpose of building up a new Society of episcopalians at Northfield, and has been succeeded by Rev. Wm. R. Johnson, whose ordination to the Priesthood you have all witnessed this day.

The Rev. E. H. Sayles has resigned the parishes of East Berkshire and Montgomery, and has become the Rector of Christ Church, Enosburgh, with the ready acquiescence of Rev. Mr. Fitch, in the hope that the spiritual interests of both Enosburgh and Sheldon may be advanced by each parish enjoying the entire services of a Rector, instead of having but half services as formerly.

The Rev. Henry Blackaller has been compelled by ill health to ask for letters of dismission to the milder climate of Ohio, for which he has resigned his former parish of Zion Church, Factory Point, to the mutual regret, as I believe, of himself and the people. This is the only loss which the Diocese has sustained since our last Convention. But I am gratified to say that we have, on the other hand, received the welcome addition of Rev. Edward Bourns, who has accepted the Presidency of Norwich University, and of Rev. G. C. V. Eastman, who has become the Rector of Christ Church, Guilford. The present number of our Clergy is the following: twenty-one presbyters, and two deacons, besides the Bishop, making in all, 24.

The list of vacancies, however, is much larger than it should be. Berkshire, Montgomery, Shelburne, Brandon, Factory Point, all want laborers in the Vineyard of the Great Redeemer. Nor is this difficulty confined to our Diocese. For I perceive with much more sorrow than surprise, that the same complaint is becoming general. The growth of the Church is greater beyond question, than the increase of the ministry. And the evil demands not

only a more fervent supplication to the Lord that He will send forth laborers into His harvest, but a more zealous and consistent support on the part of our laity, who are too often subject to the reproach of forgetting that the laborer is worthy of his hire, or of the equal injustice of expecting that ministers and their families should live and toil in the service of the Church, without a fair and moderate share of comfort and respectability. I do not mean to say that the Diocese of Vermont is more liable to this censure than the other Dioceses of our immense territory, because I am well convinced that such is not the fact. But I do mean to say that the Church, in every quarter except the large city parishes, is groaning under this most serious deficiency. Indeed, the idea seems to be fast gaining ground; that the work of the ministry is a sort of long protracted martyrdom, under the pressure of poverty and embarrassment, which few are bold enough to encounter. And if our intelligent and influential laity do not awake to their responsibility in time, and perform for their ministers as much as they would expect to have done for themselves in the same circumstances, it needs no prophet to foretell that a famine of the Word and the Sacraments must be the melancholy consequence, in the course of another generation.

It is with pleasure and gratitude to God that I turn from this topic to one of a brighter aspect, namely, the efforts now in progress for the increase and improvement of our Church buildings. A new Church is almost completed at Forestdale. Another is contemplated at West Randolph, and a third at Jericho. In Sheldon, the old building, which had become much dilapidated, is putting on a new form, of better style and materials. In Burlington, we are about to have a great addition to the room, and a much greater to the beauty of the Church. All this is cheering,

and encourages us to hope that where the outward order of the house of God is a matter of solicitude, the inward growth of religion will not be neglected. True, we are all aware that the most splendid Architecture in the world may be found in close connection with superstition and impiety. But yet, in itself, there is a manifest fitness in the zeal which seeks to honor the Lord with the best offerings in our power. And although it is very possible to look on the adornment of a Church with feelings of pride and self-complacency, which are in utter inconsistency with the spirit of the Gospel, yet no intelligent Churchman can fail to derive a real delight from the external attractiveness which ought to characterize the Sanctuary of God. The Lord has endowed us with our senses, as well as with our souls, and harmony and beauty can never be so well employed as in the service of pure and undefiled religion.

The current year has been further marked by vigorous effort amongst our Clergy to establish what is called the Convocation system, and with a considerable measure of success. They held a primary meeting at Middlebury, in April, and agreed on a constitution which was, in my judgment, quite unexceptionable. A second meeting has been had at Woodstock, and the third will be immediately after the close of the Convention. It has not been in my power to be present at these meetings, but I hope to be at the fourth, which will be in the winter season. I ought to add, that the whole movement, from first to last, was submitted to me, and cordially approved. It will give me sincere pleasure to see the plan carried out with zeal and unanimity, and I doubt not that it will be found, in such case, highly beneficial to the interests of the Church within the Diocese. I would suggest the expediency of laying the Constitution before the Convention.

and giving it the further advantage of a formal vote of approbation.

There has been another event of no small interest to the best feelings of the Church throughout the whole Union, and especially to the Diocese of Vermont, in the celebration of the third Jubilee of the venerable Society for the Propagation of the Gospel. On the past history of that admirable Institution of our Mother Church, we have all cause to dwell with gratitude to God, and its future course will be followed by our earnest and affectionate sympathy.

But I will not further occupy your time, although there are many topics of interest omitted. The report of the Committee on the Constitution and Canons will be placed before you, and that, together with the Convocation and other subjects, may demand a larger space than is usually required for the business of the Convention. I would only add, in conclusion, that the general prospects of the Diocese are highly favorable. Let us only proceed, my beloved brethren, with faithful zeal, and with humble dependence on the power and blessing of Him without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy ; and we shall doubtless behold a far greater advancement in the influence of that blessed Gospel which proclaims "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will towards men."

The Bishop's Address being concluded,

The following persons, members of Convention, not present at the morning session, appeared and took their seats in the Convention, to wit :

The Rev. John A. Hicks, D. D., Rector of Trinity Church, Rutland ;—and as Lay Delegates, Mr. Sylvester Deming, *St. James' Church, Arlington* : Mr. Alexander Fleming, *Immanuel Church, Bellows Falls* : Mr. Edward Sherman, *St. Thomas' Church, Brandon* : Mr.

Elias Lyman, *St. Paul's Church, Burlington*: Dr. Rollin Eaton, *Christ Church, Enosburgh*: Mr. Orville Shaw, *Calvary Church, Jericho*: Mr. J. S. Bushnell, *St. Stephen's Church, Middlebury*, and Mr. George Graves, *Trinity Church, Rutland*.

On motion,

Resolved, That so much of the Bishop's Address as relates to the matter of the Clerical Convocation, be referred to a committee of three members, to be appointed by the Bishop.

Whereupon,

The Rev. Mr. Mulchahey and the Rev. Drs. Hicks and Clap were appointed said committee.

On motion,

Mr. J. P. Potter and Dr. Rollin Eaton were excused from farther attendance upon the sittings of the Convention.

On motion,

The Convention proceeded to elect the Standing Committee of the Diocese for the year ensuing, and the Clerical and Lay Deputies to the next General Convention.

The ballots being taken, sorted and counted, the following persons were declared duly elected members of the Standing Committee for the ensuing year, to wit:

The Rev. JOHN A. HICKS, D. D.,

“ “ JOEL CLAP, D. D.,

“ “ GEORGE B. MANSER,

“ HON. ISAAC F. REDFIELD, L. L. D.,

GEORGE B. SHAW, Esq.,

OZIAS SEYMOUR, Esq.

The persons elected as Clerical and Lay Deputies to the next General Convention were,

The Rev. JOHN A. HICKS, D. D.,	} <i>Clerical Deputies.</i>
“ “ JOEL CLAP, D. D.,	
“ “ OLIVER HOPSON, and	
“ “ JAMES MULCHAHEY,	

<p>The Hon. ISAAC F. REDFIELD, L. L. D., SYLVESTER DEMING, OZIAS SEYMOUR, Esq., AMON BAILEY, Esq.</p>	}	<p><i>Lay Deputies.</i></p>
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The Reports from the several Parishes were then called for, and being presented, it was,

On motion,

Ordered, That the reading of the Parochial Reports be dispensed with, and that they be printed in the Appendix to the Journal. [*See Appendix.*]

The Rev. OLIVER HOPSON was, by vote of Convention, appointed to preach the annual sermon before the next Convention; the Rev. JOSIAH SWETT to be his substitute.

The Rev. F. A. WADLEIGH was duly appointed to preach the missionary sermon on the evening before the assembling of the next Annual Convention; the Rev. C. R. BATCHELDER to be his substitute.

The select committee to whom was referred so much of the Bishop's Address as relates to Convocation, made the following report, which was accepted and adopted, viz :

"The committee, to whom so much of the Bishop's Address as relates to the organization of the Convocation was referred, would respectfully submit to the Convention, for its adoption, the following resolution :

"*Resolved*, That this Convention receives with pleasure and thankfulness the intelligence of the organization of the Clerical Convocation in this Diocese, and gives its cordial sanction to the constitution which has been adopted by the same.

JAS. MULCHAHEY,
 JNO. A. HICKS."

On motion,

Ordered, That the Constitution of the Convocation, referred to in the foregoing report, be printed in the Appendix to the Journal. [*See Appendix.*]

The Resolution fixing upon St. James' Church, Woodstock, as the place for holding the next Annual Diocesan Convention, laid on the table in the morning, was called up, and, on motion, adopted.

The committee heretofore appointed to act in conjunction with the Bishop, in revising the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese, made the following

R E P O R T :

The Committee who were instructed to consult with the Bishop in revising the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese, beg leave to report that they met at the house of the Bishop, on the day appointed by him, for the performance of the duty assigned to them, and went over the present code of the diocese with reasonable care and attention. The principle proposed and adopted, was to alter nothing merely for the sake of change, but only to suggest a few emendations, to omit several of the Canons which had originally been introduced from the legislation of the General Convention, and had been partially remodelled by that body, at their subsequent sessions, and to embody the regulations concerning the Standing Committee, which have been the law of the diocese for a few years past. In all other respects, the code of the diocese seems to your Committee sufficient, when taken in connexion with the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention, which binds the whole Church. And therefore they suggest, as the result of their labor, the following alterations, as being, in the opinion of the Bishop and your Committee, all that the present interest of the Church in this diocese requires.

Commencing with the third article of the Constitution, your Committee recommend that it be altered so as to read as follows, viz :

"There are three orders of the Clergy established by Apostolic authority: Bishops, Priests and Deacons. Of these, all baptise, all officiate in divine service, and all preach the Gospel; but none except a Bishop or Priest can consecrate the Eucharist, or take the pastoral charge of a Congregation. In their relative order, the Deacon is subordinate to the Priest, and the Priest to the Bishop. And the Bishop, being successor to the apostolic order, has the sole official right to ordain, to confirm, to pronounce sentence on offenders, to preside over the Church in his diocese or district, and to govern the same according to the Scriptures and the Canons. The Priests or Presbyters, nevertheless, are bound to counsel and advise him; and he does not ordinarily act in any important matter without consulting with a certain number of Priests and Laymen, elected by the rest, and called the Standing Committee or Council of Advice; neither does he exercise any legislative power, except in concurrence with the Clergy and Laity, duly assembled in Convention."

Your Committee next recommend, in Article V. of the Constitution, the omission of the word "parochial," in the third line, so as to read, "the Clergy attending in their order."

The Eighth Article of the Constitution, your Committee recommend to be altered so as to read as follows, viz:

"All cases of presentment of Clergy or Laymen, either for error in religion, whether it respects faith or morals, for breach of the Constitution or Canons of the Church, or for any offence which involves a violation of the baptismal or ordination vow, are tried before the Bishop, as Ecclesiastical Judge, assisted by a Council of Assessors appointed for the purpose, according to the rules of Ecclesiastical law, and the Canons in such case made and provided."

The foregoing are the only alterations thought to be

advisable in the Constitution. In the Canons, your Committee would specify the following changes.

The first Canon, they recommend to be altered so as to read as follows, viz :

“ § 1. At every Annual Convention, three presbyters and three laymen shall be elected as the Standing Committee, or Bishop's Council of Advice, for the ensuing year. They shall elect from their own body, a President and Secretary. They shall meet on the summons of the President, and their travelling expenses shall be defrayed by the Treasurer of the Convention, on the order of the President in writing.

§ 2. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a regular record of all their proceedings, in a book which shall belong to the diocese, and which, together with all papers in possession of the Committee, shall be open to the inspection of the Bishop, or the Convention, when required.

§ 3. The council shall be summoned on the requisition of the Bishop, whenever he shall wish for their advice, and they may meet of their own accord, and agreeably to their own rules, when they may be disposed to advise the Bishop. And the President shall call a meeting at any time, on the request, in writing, of any two members.

§ 4. When the diocese is vacant, through the death or resignation of the Bishop, it shall be the duty of the President of the Council to call a meeting, forthwith, and after consultation as to the time and place, to summon a special Convention of the diocese, to elect a successor, with all convenient speed. And so long as the vacancy continues, they shall exercise all the powers of the Ecclesiastical Authority, consistent with their character, as the Administrators of the diocese under the Convention.”

The next three Canons, numbered the 2d, 3d, and 4th, your Committee recommend to be stricken out, inasmuch

as they are found in an amended form in the Canons of the General Convention.

The sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth Canons, your Committee recommend to be stricken out for the same reason. And the numbering of the 5th Canon, which, by reason of the omission of the three first named, will become the second, as likewise, the numbering of the 10th Canon, which by the omission of the four next specified, will become the third, they would of course recommend to be changed accordingly, together with all the remaining numbers to the end.

In the tenth Canon, (which would be the third in the proposed order,) your Committee recommend the striking out of the last clause of the first section, consisting of nearly three lines, the effect of which would be to render the institution service optional, instead of imperative.

In the 15th Canon, (which would be the eighth in the proposed order,) your Committee recommend the alteration of the 4th section, after the first sentence, so as to read as follows, viz : " When there is no Bishop, the President of the Standing Committee shall preside, as Chairman, or Moderator. And if he cannot attend, the Convention shall elect a Chairman, from the Clergy present. A Secretary, a Treasurer, a Standing Committee, and Delegates to the General Convention shall be elected, by a joint vote of the whole body, at each Convention." The fifth section of this Canon will be necessarily stricken out, being repugnant. And the two remaining sections will be numbered 5 and 6, accordingly.

The 18th Canon, (which would be the eleventh in the proposed order,) your Committee would propose to alter as follows, viz : The second section to have the words "be requested to," in the second line, stricken out. And the eighth section, to have the words "to lay it on the ta-

ble," inserted in the second line, after the word "commit," and the last sentence of the same section to be omitted, as unnecessary.

In the 19th Canon, (which would be the twelfth in the proposed order.) your Committee recommend the insertion of the words "and being first duly notified," after the word "Conventions," in the last line but one.

All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) JOHN A. HICKS, }
 GEORGE B. SHAW. } *Com.*

After the foregoing Report was read, the amendments recommended by the Committee were severally put to the vote, and unanimously approved and adopted by the Convention.

The Treasurer of the Board of Land Agents in this Diocese, J. S. Bushnell, Esquire, laid his annual report before Convention, and the same was ordered to be printed in the Appendix to the Journal. [*See Appendix.*]

On motion,

Resolved, That the Parish of St. James' Church, *Castleton*, be hereafter known and called by the name of St. James' Church, *Hyderville*.

On motion,

Mr. Ethan B. Webb had leave of absence from the further sittings of this Convention.

The following resolution was read and adopted :

Resolved, That the Rt. Rev. Bishop of the Diocese be respectfully requested to lay before the Board of Land Agents, at all their annual meetings, the cases of such Parishes in the Diocese as are or may hereafter be unrepresented in annual Diocesan Convention ; and that he be requested to call the attention of said Board to a resolution passed at the last Convention of the Diocese, relating to Parishes not represented in regular Diocesan

Conventions ; and that the Board of Land Agents be requested to act in conformity with said resolution, in the future apportionment of their funds throughout the Diocese ; and also, that the Secretary be directed to insert the aforesaid resolution in the Journal of the present, and future, Annual Conventions of the Diocese.

The resolution above referred to is as follows :—

“ Resolved, That no Parish in this Diocese, which shall hereafter be unrepresented in the Annual Diocesan Convention by its Rector (if there be one) and a Lay Delegation, unless for reasons satisfactory to the Bishop, shall be considered as entitled to any appropriation from the Board of Land Agents, or from any Missionary Board of the Diocese.”—Adopted in Convention, Sept. 18, 1850.

On motion,

Resolved, That St. Andrew's Church, Rochester, and Union Church, Springfield, be erased from the list of Parishes in this Diocese ; they having had, for many years, only a nominal existence.

The Treasurer presented his annual Report, which was accepted and ordered to be appended to the Journal. [*See Appendix.*]

The Treasurer also reported the state of the funds placed in his hands for the relief of aged and infirm Clergymen, and the widows and orphans of deceased Clergymen in the Diocese, who stand in need of assistance ; and also the state of the Missionary Fund of the Diocese : all which reports were severally adopted. [*See Appendix.*]

The following Parishes were reported by the Treasurer as delinquent in the payment of the dues assessed upon them for the year 1850 :

Christ Church, Enosburgh,	-	-	\$2 00
St. Paul's Church, Vergennes,	-	-	5 00
Christ Church, Guilford,	-	-	2 00
St. Paul's Church, Royalton,	-	-	2 00

The Committee on Finance made the following report, which was adopted by the Convention, to wit :

The Committee on Finance recommend the following assessments to be made upon the several Parishes of the Diocese, to meet the current expenses of the year :

Union Church, Montgomery,	-	-	\$3 00
Calvary Church, Berkshire,	-	-	3 00
Christ Church, Enosburgh,	-	-	2 00
Grace Church, Sheldon,	-	-	3 00
Trinity Church, Rutland,	-	-	8 00
Union Church, St. Albans,	-	-	8 00
St. John's Church, Highgate,	-	-	5 00
Christ Church, Fairfax,	-	-	2 00
Trinity Church, Fairfield,	-	-	2 00
St. Paul's Church, Burlington,	-	-	10 00
Trinity Church, Shelburne,	-	-	2 00
St. Paul's Church, Vergennes,	-	-	5 00
St. Stephen's Church, Middlebury,	-	-	8 00
St. Thomas' Church, Brandon,	-	-	2 00
St. John's Church, Poultney,	-	-	4 00
St. Paul's Church, Wells,	-	-	2 00
Zion Church, Factory Point,	-	-	3 00
St. James' Church, Arlington,	-	-	8 00
Christ Church, Guilford,	-	-	2 00
Immanuel Church, Bellows Falls,	-	-	8 00
St. Paul's Church, Windsor,	-	-	4 00
St. James' Church, Woodstock,	-	-	6 00
Christ Church, Bethel,	-	-	3 00
St. Paul's Church, Royalton,	-	-	2 00
Christ Church, Montpelier,	-	-	4 00
Grace Church, Randolph,	-	-	2 00
St. James' Church, Hydeville,	-	-	2 00
St. Peter's Church, Bennington,	-	-	4 00
St. Stephen's Church, Tinmouth,	-	-	2 00
Calvary Church, Jericho,	-	-	2 00

A. BAILEY, }
 O. SEYMOUR, } Com.
 S. B. COLBY, }

The minutes of the proceedings of Convention were read and approved.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Secretary be, and hereby is, authorized to cause six hundred copies of the Journal of this Convention to be printed ; and, in addition to the provision made by the Canon upon the subject, to send six copies of the same to each Clergyman of the Diocese.

On motion,

Resolved, That after the customary religious services, this Convention do adjourn.

Thereupon, after the usual prayers and benediction by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

JOHN HENRY HOPKINS, D. D.,

President of the Convention.

Attest, GEORGE B. MANSER, *Secretary.*

[APPENDIX I.]

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, ARLINGTON.

THE REV. F. A. WADLEIGH, RECTOR.

Families, (comprising adults, 192; children, 53, total, 245;) 56; Baptisms, (adults, 3; children, 2;) 5; Confirmed, 3; Marriages, 2; Burials, 11; Communicants, called anew, 4, removed into the parish, 5, removed from the parish, 2, died, 1—present number, 109; Catechumens, 40.

Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	\$16.52
for Diocesan Missions,	11.71
for General Missions, Domestic,	7.00
for Foreign Missions,	24.00
for the contingent fund of the Diocese,	8.00
for aged and infirm Clergymen,	10.52
for other purposes,	35.00
Total,	\$175.75

Public Worship, on Sundays, twice; on other days, Ash-Wednesday, Good Friday, Christmas, and the days appointed by the civil authority. On each day one service, also every Friday evening one service. The Holy Eucharist has been administered six times in church, once in private. The children have been catechised occasionally.

During the past conventional year, the parish has been called to lament the loss of the Hon. Martin C. Denning and Cyrus B. Hills, Esq., two tried and firm friends of the Church. The effect of their deaths upon the Parish is yet uncertain. It is hoped that He who has always raised up friends to this Church, in the season of her necessities, will not be

unmindful of us now. Perhaps we have put too much confidence in man; too little in the power of God's Spirit. If our loss but bring us nearer to God, we cannot be too thankful.

In addition to the above services, the Rector has held services *extra*, during the year past, in Sunderland, during the first six months on the alternate Sunday evenings, during the last six months once in four weeks. These services have been invariably well attended. Very often want of room has appeared to fix the only limits to our number.

Were it possible for the Rector of St. James' to traverse a circuit eight miles in diameter, he would find no difficulty in doubling the number of families under his care.

A missionary would now find, in West Arlington, Landgrove and Sunderland, ample employment. The services of the Church were once enjoyed at these stations, and numbers would rejoice to have them renewed. The people, however, are too scattered to allow of their being gathered into a single congregation, and too poor to encourage the hope of being able to support a minister. These few sheep in the wilderness ought, nevertheless, to be cared for, and the poor ought some time to have the Gospel preached unto them. Sunday schools have been sustained a part of the year at three stations, so that instead of the 40 Catechumens of the Church reported above, more than 80 children have been under the indirect influence of the Church.

IMMANUEL CHURCH, BELLOWS FALLS.

THE REV. JOEL CLAP, D. D., RECTOR.

Families, 85; Baptisms, (infants 4, adult 1) 5; Marriages, 17; Funerals, 6; Communicants died 2, added 1—present number, 158.

Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	\$31,65
for Domestic Missions,	12,00
for aged and infirm Clergymen, &c.,	9,16
for St. Regis Indians,	11,00
for Diocesan Missions,	13,38
for Sunday School Library,	6,49
for Contingent Fund of the Diocese,	8,00
Ladies' Circle of Industry, towards debt on the Parsonage,	120,00
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	\$211,68

As an illustration of what patient industry and untiring zeal, under God's blessing, can accomplish for the Church, it is worthy of notice, that the Ladies' Circle of Industry here, within the last five years, have

paid towards the Parsonage about eight hundred and twenty-five dollars, besides several other contributions to other pious and benevolent objects.

It is proper to express the grateful acknowledgment of the receipt, within the past year, of the legacy of five hundred dollars to the Parish, from the widow of the late Hon. William Hall.

Public Worship: Morning and Evening Prayers and Sermon on Sundays throughout the year, and Good Friday; Morning Prayer and Sermon on Christmas day, Ash Wednesday, Thanksgiving, and Fast days appointed by the civil authority; Evening Prayer and Lecture on the Wednesday and Friday evening during Lent, and Morning Prayer on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday of Passion Week.

The Holy Communion has been administered twelve times in the Church, and several times to sick persons in private houses.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BENNINGTON.

THE REV. GEO. B. MANSER, RECTOR.

Families, (comprising adults, 116, children, 40, total, 156,) 44; Baptisms, (adults, 6, children, 3,) 9; Confirmed, 9; Marriages, 1; Burials, 4; Communicants, (added anew, 9, removed into the parish, 2, removed from the parish, 1, died, 2,) present number 56; Catechumens, boys and girls, 60.

Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	\$33.40
for Diocesan Missions,	1.50
for the contingent fund of the Diocese,	4.00
for other purposes,	45.00

Total, \$83.90

Public Worship: On Sundays, regularly, morning and evening; such as the greater Fast and Feast days of the Church, and on Thursday evenings; also on the public occasions appointed by the State. The Holy Eucharist has been regularly administered on the first Sunday of the month. The children have been catechised by the Rector and by the Teachers in the Sunday School, once a week.

There is a Bible class, numbering twenty young persons of both sexes, under the charge of the Rector, which assembles between morning and evening service on Sunday. The prospects of good resulting from this class, is one of the most promising signs of success in the Parish. The principles taught have a tendency to enlighten the mind of the young upon the distinctive peculiarities of the Church, and while they lead to greater knowledge of what the Church really is, the minds of the members are also led to greater love for the Head of the Church.

CHRIST-CHURCH, BETHEL.

THE REV. JOSIAH SWETT, RECTOR.

Families, 29; Baptisms, (adults, 4, children, 10,) 14; Confirmed, 10; Marriage, 1; Burial, 1, (Infant.); Communicants, (removed, 4, added by Confirmation, 10,) present number, 61; Catechumens, 15.

Contributions, at the Offertory,	\$38.67
at other times,	28.09
	<hr/> \$66.76.

Appropriated as follows :

for Domestic Missions,	\$10.00
for Diocesan Missions,	5.50
for relief of aged and Infirm Cler-	
gymen,	3.26
for the poor,	11.77
for Prayer Books and Tracts,	8.02
for Sunday School and Parish	
Libraries.	21.79
for other purposes,	6.42

Public Worship: Morning and evening, on Sundays and the greater Festivals and Fasts. Morning prayers also, on each Friday, except during cold weather. The Holy Communion has been administered monthly, besides several times in private to the sick.

We have obtained, during the past year, two very good Libraries of Church Books; one for the Sunday School, and one for the Parish. Though small, they have already accomplished a very perceptible amount of good.

Through the Divine Mercy, this Church has lost no communicant by death, for nearly three years; but it is painful to confess that some are at present lost to her in a far sadder way, being dead in trespasses and sins. Still, since the last Convention, she has experienced some tokens for good. May God give to her minister and members, grace so to live, in diligence and faithfulness serving Him, that the coming year may witness far more fruits to His glory, than even the past.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, BRANDON.

VACANT SINCE EASTER.

Families, (adults 56, children, 36, total 92) 19; Baptisms, (adult 2, infant 7) 9; Communicants, (removed from the Parish 2, removed into the Parish 2, added anew 4) present number, 26; Burials, 2; Catechumens, 12.

From Aug. 22, 1850, (date of last report) to April 20, 1851, contributions, for alms at the Holy Communion, \$16.50, appropriated for

General Domestic Missions,.	\$6.00	
Foreign Missions,	4.00	
Aged and infirm Clergymen,	4.00	
Other purposes,	2.50	—\$16.50
Special offering for parochial purposes,		5.00
		<hr/> \$21.50

During the past summer an effort was made to obtain funds for the purpose of erecting a Church at Forestdale, and a sufficient sum obtained to warrant the commencement of the work, which is progressing, and it is hoped will be completed the present autumn. A Sunday School was organized last spring, and numbers from fifty to eighty scholars. During the past summer the Rev. Mr. Bailey, Rev. Dr. Hicks, and the Rev. Mr. Maury, have officiated occasionally at Forestdale, and at Brandon Village.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, BURLINGTON.

RIGHT REV. JOHN H. HOPKINS, D. D., RECTOR.

Families, 80, (adults, 179, children and youth 212, total, 391;) Students of College and other transient persons, about 33; Baptisms, (adults, 6, children 16,) total, 22; Confirmed, 25; Communicants, removed, 11, died, 3, added, 22, present number, 199; Sunday Scholars, boys, 28, girls, 50, total 78; Superintendent and Teachers, 10; Marriages, 10; of which, 3 were out of the Parish; burials, 5.

Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	\$92.10
for General Missions, Foreign,	46.67
for General Missions, Domestic,	45.06
for Diocesan Missions at the Jubilee Celebration,	41.00
for aged and infirm Clergymen,	
for Contingent Fund of the Diocese,	10.00
for Sunday School Library,	
for Prayer books and Tracts,	

Besides the sum contributed for repairing and enlarging the Church, amounting to upwards of two thousand dollars.

Public Services regular, morning and evening, on each Lord's day, on the great Festivals and Thanksgiving day, on Ash-Wednesday, and thereafter morning prayer, twice a week, on Wednesdays and Fridays.

through Lent, with Sermons morning and evening on Good Friday. The Holy Eucharist has been administered on the first Sunday of every month, on Christmas Day and Easter Day, besides several times to the sick in private.

The enlargement and improvement of the Church edifice have been commenced and are now actively in progress. And it is hoped that the liberality and zeal manifested in this good work, will be favored by a large result of increased prosperity, in the spiritual interests of the parish, by the Divine blessing.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, CASTLETON.

REV. A. H. BAILEY, RECTOR.

Families, (adults, 60, children, 40, total, 100,) 24; Baptisms, (adults, 5, child, 1,) 6; Confirmed, 5; Burial, 1; Communicants, (added anew, 8; removed into the Parish, 8, removed from the Parish, 1, died, 1;) present number, including one not before reported, 25; Catechumens, (boys, 4, girls, 12,) 16.

Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion, of which

\$5.30 were offered for "the relief of aged	
and infirm Clergymen, &c.,"	\$20.91
for Diocesan Missions,	10.20
for General Missions, Domestic,	7.37
for the contingent fund of the Diocese,	2.00
for other purposes,	14.50
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	44.98

Public Worship: Twice every second Sunday, until Easter, conducted by Rev. O. Hopson and myself alternately; since Easter, when I assumed the pastoral charge of the Parish, twice every Sunday; with instruction of a Bible Class. The Holy Eucharist has been administered seven times in the Church, and twice to the sick.

Public Worship is now conducted, at stated intervals, in this small village. (Hydeville,) by several different denominations. As most of them have been recently introduced, a somewhat unsettled state of mind in the population is a natural consequence. The congregation at the Church has varied from 40 to 120; average, since Easter, upwards of 70.

Should the faith and labor of the Parish and Rector prove equal to the present encouragements, and the liberal assistance of the Diocese be continued for a time, there is reason for the hope that they may result, by the Lord's blessing, in the firm establishment of His Church here, and the gathering into it of many "such as shall be saved."

CHRIST CHURCH, ENOSBURGH.

THE REV. E. H. SAYLES, RECTOR.

Families, (comprising adults 135, children 79, total 214) 41; Baptisms, (adult 1, children 6) 7; Confirmed 3; Marriages. 2; Burials, 3; Communicants, (added anew 5, died 2) present number, 58; Catechumens, (boys 25, girls 30) 55.

Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	\$8,99
for Diocesan Missions,	2,50
for General Domestic Missions,	1,50
for Foreign Missions.	1,50
for the Contingent Fund of the Diocese,	2,00
	\$16,58

The Communion alms are mainly appropriated to the cause of Missions.

Moneys have been expended for other purposes, as follows:

Row of Sheds—ten stalls,	\$130,00
Repairs on the Church,	3,00
Singing School,	25,00
Singing Books,	4,00
Surplice,	7,00
Communion Plate,	8,00
Sunday School Library,	10,00
Allegories, six volumes,	1,50
Questions Books,	3,00
	\$191,50
	7,23
Actual expenditures,	\$184,27

Public Worship: On Sundays three services are held; the third service is held in the different school-houses of the town. Our public Sunday services are held alternately in the Church, West Enosburgh, and at the centre of the town. On other days, divine Service is celebrated on the principal Fasts and Festivals, and on those appointed by the Executive. The Holy Communion is administered the first Sunday in every month, alternately in the Church and in the town hall at the Centre. Sunday Schools are sustained, and the children catechised, at both places of worship.

The present Rector has officiated in this parish since Christmas last, and on Easter Sunday his duties as Rector commenced. On assuming the charge of the Parish, it was thought advisable to divide the services

between the Branch and the Centre, and the result is highly satisfactory and gratifying to all. At the Centre we worship in the town hall, a spacious and convenient room capable of seating some 300 people. In addition to the Catechumens, who are instructed by teachers, the Rector has a class of Young Ladies in both places of worship, amounting in all to about 25. The third services, in the various school houses of the town, are thought well calculated to carry the gospel to the destitute, and to diffuse a knowledge of the Church among those who otherwise would remain "willingly ignorant of," if not strongly prejudiced against her.

Upon the whole, so far as external circumstances indicate, the parish may be said to be in a growing and prosperous condition, and the Rector cannot but feel that its spiritual state corresponds, in some humble degree, with its outward prosperity. The attendance upon all our religious services is good, the attention and interest manifested in them are commendable, and a prompt willingness to give of pecuniary means to sustain the Church, is evinced by both facts and figures.

CHRIST CHURCH, FAIRFAX.

THE REV. RICHARD F. CADLE, MINISTER.

Families, (comprising adults, 104, children, 52, total, 156,) 34; Baptism, 1, child; Confirmed, 2; Communicants, (added anew, though before the first of January, 1851, 1, removed into the Parish, 5, removed from the Parish, 1, died, previously to the present year, 1,) present number, 44. A class for Catechetical instruction was attended by the Minister, during the last winter, but subsequently a small Sunday School was formed consisting of about 10 children.

Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion, \$10,16

Appropriated as follows :

for Diocesan Missions,	4,26	
for contingent fund of the Diocese,	2,12	
for the purchase of Tracts on Confirmation,	1,00	
for the purchase of Questions on the Gospel according to St. Matthew,	1,00	
other collections for the contingent fund of the Diocese,		3,87
remaining of collections made previous to the year 1851,		1,13
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		\$15,17

Public Worship; On Sundays, including two before the present year, 63 times; on other days, including two previously to January 1, 1851,

and one by the Rev. Mr. Fay, on the occasion of the visit of the Bishop to this Church, 9 times. The Bishop preached to the congregation of Christ Church, Fairfax, on the 9th of September, 1851. On all the occasions of public worship here reported, a sermon was preached. The Holy Eucharist has been administered publicly, 4 times.

The minister of this Church took charge of the same (together with that of Trinity Church, Fairfield) on the 1st of January, 1851. He has delivered 11 Lectures to a Bible Class, and has examined 6 times, a Class for instruction on the subject of Confirmation, consisting of about 12 persons. He has officiated and preached once on a week day, at the village of Fairfax.

The assessment of \$2 per annum, on account of the Contingent Fund of the Diocese, not having been paid during the two years preceding the present year, this Congregation has contributed this year, to that Fund, the sum of \$6.

There has been lay-reading in this Parish, with but few exceptions, on every Sunday since the commencement of the present year, when the Minister of this Church has officiated at Fairfield. And to this custom, established, however, many years ago, and persevered in amidst various circumstances of discouragement, whatever is promising in the condition of this Congregation, is mainly to be attributed.

TRINITY CHURCH, FAIRFIELD.

THE REV. RICHARD F. CADLE, MINISTER.

Families, (comprising adults, 122, children, 58, total 180,) 41; Baptisms, 3 children; Confirmed, 2; Burial, 1, Communicants. (removed from the Parish, 9, died, 1,) present number, 46.

Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion, \$11.18

Appropriated as follows:

for Foreign Missions,	\$4.15	
for aged and infirm Clergymen,	2.03	
for Diocesan Missions,	2.00	
for Contingent Fund of the Diocese,	3.00	
other collections for the Contingend Fund	3.00	
		<hr/> \$14.18

Public Worship: On Sundays, including two previously to January 1, 1851, 40 times. There was public worship also, on Tuesday, the 9th of September, performed by the Rev. Mr. Fitch, on the occasion of the visit of the Bishop to this Church. The Bishop preached in Trinity Church, Fairfield, in the afternoon of that day. On all occasions of public worship in this Church, and on the funeral occasion above noticed, a sermon was

preached. An attempt has been made for the forming of a Class for catechetical instruction, which did not prove successful.

The assessment of \$2.00 on this Church, not having been paid during the two years preceding the present year, the congregation have given this year, (as the above list of Contributions shews,) \$6,00, to the Contingent Fund of the Diocese.

The services of the present Minister of Trinity Church, Fairfield, and of Christ Church, Fairfax, commenced on the 1st of January last. He has officiated and preached at a settlement 4 miles north of Fairfield, twice on Sundays and twice on other days.

CHRIST CHURCH, GUILFORD.

G. C. V. EASTMAN, RECTOR.

This Parish was without a Rector from August, 1850, to May last. During this vacancy the Church was opened every Sunday and lay-reading performed by Judge Tyler of Brattleboro'. The number of attendants was such as to evince the most gratifying attachment to the "form of sound words." The Parsonage begun previously, by the advice of the late Rector, the Rev. Mr. Pradt, was completed, and is a neat and comfortable house. The Sunday School was kept up by a faithful band of Teachers. When the present Rector commenced his care of the Parish in May, he found a united people, ready to co-operate with him in every good work, and in ministry to the wants of himself and family, they have, up to this time, exceeded their promise, and excited on the part of their Rector, a grateful affection for their kindness.

The Sunday School numbers about 35 Scholars and 7 Teachers.

A Teachers Meeting and Bible Class is held once a week.

I have administered the Holy Communion, four times in Church, and once to a sick person.

Have baptised 1 infant, attended 2 funerals and solemnized 1 marriage. Communicants, added anew, 1, lost by removal, 4, present number, 67; Confirmed, 1.

Alms at the Holy Communion,	\$14,15
On Jubilee Sunday, for Diocesan Missions,	9,39
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	\$23,54

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, HIGHGATE.

THE REV. C. R. BATCHELDER, RECTOR.

The year now under review has passed away with the usual variety of joy and sorrow. The state of the Parish remains much the same as

at the time of my last report. There is some ground of encouragement and hope.

During the months of March and April, on account of ill health, I did not officiate. With the exception of an occasional service at Swanton Falls on Sunday afternoon, the Church has been open for the usual services on Sundays and on Feast and Fast days. The Holy Eucharist has been administered ten times. Immediately after the Morning service, except on Communion Sundays, I have met and catechised the children, and given them books from the Parish Library.

The number of persons who have been Communicants in this Church or elsewhere, resident in this town and at Swanton Falls, is 55. There are 40 families, a part or all of whose numbers attend Church. There have been 2 Marriages; 2 Baptisms of adults; 6 Burials; and 9 persons were confirmed by the Bishop, at his annual visitation. The alms collected at the communion amount to \$10.60; and \$10.00 have been raised for the contingent fund of the Diocese.

CALVARY CHURCH, JERICHO.

Families, 9; Communicants. 15.

Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	\$2.00
for Contingent Fund,	2.00
for Rent of a room for Public Service.	10.00
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	\$14.00

The Bishop held Services, preached twice, administered the Holy Communion and Baptised 4 children.

Two Sermons on Sunday, by the Rev. Mr. Bingham. The Services with lay-reading on the morning of each Lord's day.

The prospects of the Parish at present are encouraging. Increasing numbers attend the services; an enlightened and commendable zeal is manifest, on the part of its members and friends, and efforts are now being made for raising funds to erect a Church Edifice.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, MIDDLEBURY.

THE REV. JAMES MULCHAHEY, RECTOR.

Families, (comprising, adults, 175, children, 94, total, 269.) 67; Baptisms, (Infants, 9, of riper years, 3,) 12; Confirmed, 8; Marriage, 1; Burials, 3; Communicants, (added, 11, removed, 5, died, 3,) present number, 90; Catechumens, 60.

Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	\$28,81
for General Missions, Domestic,	28,37
for General Missions, Foreign,	14,63
for aged and Infirm Clergymen,	8,00
for Contingent Fund of the Diocese,	8,00
for Convocation,	8,51
for payment of debt, and repairs on the Rectory,	237,53
for Sunday School Library,	8,00
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	\$341,85

Public Worship: On Sundays and other days, the same as last year, excepting that the detention of the Rector in Brandon by the great snow-storm compelled an omission of the Christmas Service.

The Parish, as the above statistics indicate, is in an improving and steadily, though slowly progressive state. The Rector deems it but a matter of simple justice to state that he has ever received from its members, not only a prompt and honorable discharge of all obligations, but also a liberal response to every appeal for the Charities of the Church.

CHRIST CHURCH, MONTPELIER.

THE REV. EDWARD F. PUTNAM, RECTOR.

Baptisms, (adults, 7, children, 3,) 10; Confirmed, 8; Marriages, 4; Burials, 3; Communicants. (added, 12, removed into the Parish, 3, removed from the Parish, 1, died, 3,) present number, 50; Catechumens, (boys, 16, girls, 29,) 45.

Contributions, alms at the Offertory,	\$30,00
for Books,	15,00
for Contingent Fund,	4,00
for Miscellaneous Objects,	18,00
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	\$67,00

Public Worship: Twice on Sundays, once on the Greater Festivals and Fasts. The Holy Eucharist on the first Sunday of each month and certain Holy Days. The children are regularly catechised by the Rector, who also instructs a Bible Class with Question Books published by the General Sunday School Union.

In addition to the regular Parochial services, the writer performed the duties of Chaplain to the Hon. the State Senate, to which office he was elected by that body.

The Congregation during the past year has increased, at least, a half, which is encouraging in this the most central Parish in the Diocese; and the large number of strangers, to whom, during the year, the Church

here presents her apostolic services, forms a gratifying incentive to zealous labors amidst great obstacles.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH. EAST POULTNEY.

THE REV. O. HOFSON, RECTOR.

Families, (adults, 94, children, 62 total, 156,) 45; Baptisms, (adults, 3, children, 1,) 4; Confirmed, 5, (one belonging to this Parish receiving confirmation in Benson); Burials, (2, extra parochial,) 6; Communicants, (added anew, 6, by removal, 7, lost by removal, 8, by death, 3,) present number, 61; Sunday School Teachers, 9, Scholars, 46.

Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	\$9.73
for Domestic Missions,	7.35
for Foreign Missions,	4.50
for Diocesan Missions	5.07
for aged and infirm Clergymen,	4.75
for Contingent Fund of the Diocese,	4.00
contributed by Ladies of the Parish for a Sur- plice,	7.00
	<hr/> \$42.40

Public Worship: Regular on alternate Sundays, and on the principal Festivals and Feasts of the Church. The Holy Communion has been administered in Church six times. Since Easter, a third service has been held once in two weeks, in the west village of Poultney, which has been well attended.

This Parish has suffered much the past year, from the loss, by death and removals, of several valuable members.

My official connection with St. James' Parish, Castleton, ceased at Easter; for further particulars in relation to that Parish, I would refer to the report of the Rector, the Rev. A. H. Bailey.

On Trinity Sunday, with the approbation of the Bishop, I commenced the services of the Church, in the village of Benson; several families and prominent individuals there, being desirous of Episcopal services.

A large and convenient House, nearly new, owned by the Baptists, but not occupied by them for some time past, has been engaged for a year; and arrangements have been made for one-fourth services for this period of time. The attendance, thus far, has been good, averaging about one hundred. The Holy Communion has been once administered; one person added anew; whole number, 5. The prospects for the Church are, at present, encouraging; and with a suitable degree of zeal and persevering energy, under the Divine blessing, on the part of its members and friends, a flourishing society might here, it is believed, at no distant day, be established.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, ROYALTON.

THE REV. JOSIAH SWETT, RECTOR.

Families, 6; Baptised, 1 (adult); Confirmed, 1; Communicants, (removed, 3, added, 2) present number, 16.

This Church has suffered very materially, for the last eight or ten years, from removals. And since the present Rector took charge of it, four years ago, nine of the twenty-one Communicants that then were, have removed, and one has deceased. Of the present number, several are very aged or infirm. But we will not be discouraged, "for there is no restraint to the Lord to save by many or by few."

GRACE CHURCH, RANDOLPH.

Families, (comprising, adults, 117, children, 55, total, 170,) 37; Baptisms, (adults, 4, children, 5,) 9; Confirmations, 7; Marriages 1; Burials 2; Communicants, (added 7; removals, 3; died, 1;) present number, 63; Sunday School Teachers, 5, Scholars, 30.

Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	\$41,08
for Foreign Missions,	4,00
for Domestic Missions,	4,00
for Contingent Fund,	2,00
for other purposes,	280,00
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	\$331,08

Public Services: Regular every Lord's day, morning and evening; also, morning service and sermon, on the greater Festivals and Fasts of the Church; and also, morning service on Wednesdays, and evening service on Tuesdays during the season of Lent.

The Church seems to be gradually gaining strength—the congregations, for some time past, have been larger than ever before; a new and very superior Organ is nearly completed, by Mr. Wm. Nutting, of this place, to whose liberality we are largely indebted for the instrument.

The building in which the congregation of Christ Church, Bethel, formerly worshiped, not being occupied by that congregation, since the completion of their new Church, has been kindly given to the vestry of this Church, with the condition that it be removed to the village of West Randolph, where several Church families reside, and where it is thought a congregation could be gathered, if a convenient house in which to worship, were provided. It is hoped the plan will soon be carried into execution.

TRINITY CHURCH, RUTLAND.

THE REV. JOHN A. HICKS, RECTOR.

Families. (comprising adults, 160, children, 75, total, 235,) 65; Baptisms, (adult, 1, children, 6,) 7; Confirmed, 5; Marriage, 1; Burial,

1; Communicants, (added anew, 5, removed from the parish, 1,) present number, 75.

Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	\$25,00
for Diocesan Missions,	14,50
for Advent collection,	27,00
for Easter collection,	10,00
for the Contingent Fund of the Diocese,	8,00
for Sunday School,	14,00
for contingent fund of the Parish,	16,00
for repairs of Church and Parsonage,	700,00
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	\$814,50

TRINITY CHURCH, SHELBURNE.

THE REV. RICHARD F. CADLE, RECTOR, UP TO JAN. 1. 1851; VACANT
SINCE THAT DATE.

Families, (comprising about 100 adults, and 50 children, total, 150.) about 40; Baptisms, by the Rector, (adult, 1 and 1 child,) 2; Burials, previously to the present year, (1 in the town of Charlotte and 1 in the town of Fairfax,) 2; Communicants, (added anew, 1, added otherwise, 2, removed from the parish, 3,) present number 40; children instructed by a lady of the congregation 4, number of times 13.

Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion, previously to Jan. 1, 1851,	\$11,09
(of this sum \$4 were for Domestic Missions.)	
Alms at the Communion during the present year,	4,63

Total,	<hr/> \$15,71
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Public Worship: On Sundays, previously to Jan. 1, 1851, 33 times; on other days previously to Jan. 1, 1851, twice; on Sundays by the Rev. C. Cleveland, subsequently to Jan. 1, 1851, 4 times: on another day, by the Rev. W. W. Hickox, subsequently to Jan. 1, 1851, once. The Holy Eucharist was administered publicly at Shelburne previously to Jan. 1, 1851, 5 times; It has been administered there publicly during the present year, once.

Since the vacancy in the Rectorship of this church, divine service has been performed and a sermon has been read on various occasions by a lay-member of the congregation. It is the earnest desire of the members of the church at Shelburne that arrangements might be made for their having ministerial services at least occasionally, during the coming winter.

GRACE CHURCH, SHELDON.

THE REV. JOHN A. FITCH, RECTOR.

Baptisms, infants, 2; Burials, 5; Marriages, 2; Confirmed, 1; present number of Communicants, about 64.

Contributions, for Foreign Missions,	\$4,00
for Domestic Missions,	4,00
for Diocesan Missions,	6,00
for Contingent Fund of the Diocese,	2,00
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	\$16,00

State of the Parish somewhat encouraging.

UNION CHURCH, ST. ALBANS.

THE REV. CHARLES FAY, RECTOR.

Families, (removed 6, added 14, colored 4,) 69; comprising, adults, 189, children, 108; Baptisms, (adults 2, children, 8,) 10; Confirmed, 8; Marriages, 3; Burials, 7; Communicants, (removed, 17, died, 1, added, 15,) present number, 98; Catechumens, 50.

Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	\$52,92
for General Missions, Domestic,	25,00
for General Missions, Foreign,	30,00
for Jubilee offerings,	13,00
for Sunday School Library,	10,32
for Contingent Fund,	10,00
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	\$141,24

Public Service: Twice every Lord's day; once on the State Thanksgiving day, Christmas eve., Christmas day, Festival of the Circumcision, Ash-Wednesday, State Fast day. Good Friday, Rogation day, Ascension day, with Sermon. Morning Prayer twice a week during the season of Lent, and every day of Passion week. Holy Eucharist the first Sunday of each month, on Christmas day and on Easter day, besides several times in private to the sick.

This Parish has experienced many changes during the past year, by reason of removals and accessions, but, on the whole, has gained in strength and numbers.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, TINMOUTH.

MOORE BINGHAM, VISITING MINISTER.

While there are unfavorable circumstances which temporarily hinder the growth of this Parish and account satisfactorily for the baldness of

this report; there are others which bear very decided witness that there is good promise for the future. The Church has very strong hold in this town, and only needs the patience and fostering care of the Diocese to ensure its growth and prosperity.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, VERGENNES.

W. W. HICKOX, RECTOR.

Families, 30; adults, 90, children, 35, 125; Baptisms, children, 8; Burials, 2; Sunday School, small; Communicants, died, 1, removed, 3, added 5, present number, 40.

Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	\$20.16
Jubilee Collection,	14.00
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	\$34.16

For the last year my services have been entirely given to this Parish, except that, residing on the N. Y. side of Lake Champlain, very few week-day services have been rendered. The Church has been open, however, besides twice on each Lord's day, Christmas eve and day, Good Friday and Easter Eve, with regular Communion on the first Sunday of each month.

This Parish has continued to lose by removals; but is in no worse condition than at the last report. Perhaps the uninterrupted services, which had been irregular, have added a little to its strength and prospects.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, WINDSOR.

THE REV. WM. R. JOHNSON, MINISTER.

Families, (comprising adults, 85, children, 41.) 32; Baptism, (child,) 1; Confirmed, 3; Burial, 1; Communicants, added, 2, present number, 47; Catechumens, 22; Teachers, 3.

Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	\$25.05
(of which \$17.00 were appropriated for Domestic Missions.)	
for the St. Regis Mission,	6.30
for other purposes,	30.00
by Ladies' Sewing Circle, for repairing the Organ,	200.00
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	\$261.35

The present Minister took charge of this Parish, on the 1st of April immediately after the resignation of the Rev. Dr. Perry.

The prospects of this Church are decidedly encouraging ; there is an increased attendance upon its Holy Services, and a good degree of interest manifested in its prosperity.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, WELLS.

THE REV. O. HOPSON, RECTOR.

Families, (adults, 33, children, 26, total, 59,) 14, Baptism, (child,) 1 ; Marriage, 1 ; Burial, 1 ; Communicants, lost by removal, 2, by death, 1, present number, 26 ; Sunday School Teachers 8, scholars, 31.

Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	\$2,74
for Domestic Missions,	1,13
for Foreign Missions,	1,65
for Diocesan Missions,	2,06
for Contingent Fund of the Diocese,	2,00
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	\$9,58

Public Worship regular, on alternate Sundays ; Lay services being held in the absence of the Rector. The Holy Communion has been administered in Church, once, in eight weeks.

The condition of this Parish remains much the same as when last reported.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, WOODSTOCK.

THE REV. M. A. HERRICK, RECTOR.

Families, (comprising adults, 100, children, 50, total 150,) 40 ; Baptisms, (adults, 4, children, 7,) 11 ; Confirmed, 6 ; Marriages, 3 ; Burial, 1 ; Communicants, (added anew, 8, died, 1,) present number, 52 ; Catechumens, 32.

Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	\$40,00
for General Missions, Domestic,	6,00
for the Contingent Fund of the Diocese,	6,00
for other purposes,	130,00
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	\$182,00

Public worship on all Sundays throughout the year ; and on the great Festivals and Feasts : the Holy Eucharist has been administered once every month ; the children have been catechised.

Some repairs have been made on the Church edifice, and on the whole the condition of the Parish is evidently improving.

[APPENDIX II.]

LIST OF THE CLERGY

In the Diocese of Vermont, with the Parishes under their charge.

The Rt. Rev. JOHN HENRY HOPKINS, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese,
and Rector of St. Paul's Church, Burlington.

PRESBYTERS.

- The Rev. ALBERT H. BAILEY, Rector of St. James' Church, Hydeville.
The Rev. C. R. BATCHELDER, Rector of St. John's Church, Highgate.
The Rev. JOEL CLAP, D. D., Rector of Immanuel Church, Bellows Falls.
The Rev. RICHARD F. CADLE, Rector of Trinity Church, Fairfield, and
Christ Church, Fairfax.
The Rev. G. C. V. EASTMAN, Rector of Christ Church, Guilford.
The Rev. CHARLES FAY, Rector of Union Church, St. Albans.
The Rev. JOHN A. FITCH, Rector of Grace Church, Sheldon, and Christ
Church, Enosburgh.
The Rev. JOHN A. HICKS, D. D., Rector of Trinity Church, Rutland.
The Rev. MARCELLUS A. HERRICK, Rector of St. James' Church, Wood-
stock.
The Rev. WM. R. JOHNSON, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Windsor.
The Rev. O. HOPSON, Rector of St. John's Church, Poultney, and St.
Paul's Church, Wells.
The Rev. GEORGE B. MANSEY, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Bennington.
The Rev. JAMES MULHAHEY, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Middlebury.
The Rev. LOUIS M'DONALD.
The Rev. JOSIAH ODEAR, Rector of Grace Church, Randolph.
The Rev. JOSIAH PERRY, D. D.*
The Rev. EDWARD F. PUTNAM, Rector of Christ Church, Montpelier.
The Rev. EZEKIEL H. SAYLES, Rector of Union Church, Montgomery, and
Calvary Church, Berkshire.
The Rev. JOSIAH SWETT, Rector of Christ Church, Bethel, and St. Paul's
Church, Royalton.
The Rev. FREDERICK A. WADLEIGH, Rector of St. James' Church, Arling-
ton.

DEACONS.

Rev. THORNTON W. CLAPP.

Rev. ZADOCK THOMPSON, residing at Burlington.

CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS.

GEMONT GRAVES, JOHN E. JOHNSON, THEODORE A. HOPKINS.

* Deceased since the Convention.

[APPENDIX III.]

LIST OF PARISHES

In the Diocese of Vermont, with their Rectors or Ministers.

PARISHES.	RECTORS.
ST. JAMES', Arlington,	Rev. FRED'K WADLEIGH.
IMMANUEL, Bellows Falls,	Rev. JOEL CLAP, D. D.,
ST. PETER'S, Bennington,	Rev. GEORGE B. MANSER.
CALVARY, Berkshire,	Vacant.
CHRIST, Bethel,	Rev. JOSIAH SWETT.
ST. THOMAS', Brandon.	Vacant.
ST. PAUL'S Burlington,	Rt. Rev. J. H. HOPKINS, D. D.
ST. JAMES' Hydeville,	Rev. A. H. BAILEY.
CHRIST, Enosburgh,	Rev. E. H. SAYLES.
ZION, Factory Point,	Vacant.
CHRIST, Fairfax,	Rev. R. F. CADLE.
TRINITY, Fairfield,	Rev. R. F. CADLE.
CHRIST, Guilford,	Rev. G. C. V. EASTMAN.
ST. JOHN'S, Highgate,	Rev. C. R. BATCHELDER.
CALVARY, Jericho.	Vacant.
ST. STEPHEN'S, Middlebury,	Rev. JAS. MULCHAHEY.
UNION, Montgomery,	Vacant.
CHRIST, Montpelier,	Rev. E. F. PUTNAM.
ST. JOHN'S, Poultney,	Rev. O. HOPSON.
GRACE, Randolph,	Rev. JOSIAH OBEAR.
ST. PAUL'S, Royalton,	Rev. JOSIAH SWETT.
TRINITY, Rutland,	Rev. JOHN A. HICKS, D. D.
TRINITY, Shelburne,	Vacant.
GRACE, Sheldon,	Rev. J. A. FITCH.
UNION, St. Albans,	Rev. CHARLES FAY.
ST. STEPHEN'S, Tinmouth.	Rev. M. BINGHAM, of N. Y.
ST. PAUL'S, Wells,	Rev. O. HOPSON.
ST. PAUL'S, Windsor,	Rev. WM. R. JOHNSON.
ST. JAMES', Woodstock,	Rev. M. A. HERRICK.
ST. PAUL'S, Vergennes,	Rev. W. W. HICKOX, of N. Y.

[APPENDIX IV.]

RELIEF OF AGED AND INFIRM CLERGYMEN. &c.

At a meeting of the Bishop and Standing Committee, held at Christ Church, Montpelier, Sept. 17, 1851, after examining the Report of the Treasurer, in reference to the amount, now in his hands, for the relief of Aged and Infirm Clergymen, &c.

On motion,

Resolved, That the sum of *forty dollars* be appropriated for the benefit of the Rev. Louis McDonald, and that the Treasurer be, and hereby is, instructed to pay the same.

On motion,

Resolved, That the sum of *thirty dollars* be appropriated for the benefit of widow Ruth Gray, of Arlington, relict of Rev. Jordan Gray, and that the Treasurer be, and hereby is, instructed to pay the same.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to draw orders on the Treasury for the said appropriations.

Attest,

GEORGE B. MANSEY,
Secretary of Standing Committee.

[APPENDIX V.]

Board of Agency in Vermont of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, in account with JED. S. BUSHNELL, Treasurer.

1850.	Dr.	
July 9.	To cash paid members of the Board for their time and expenses attending annual meeting,	\$41,20
"	. Paid appropriation for salary of Rt. Rev. J. H. Hopkins, Bishop of the Diocese, for year ending June 1, 1851,	800,00
"	Paid Rev. Z. Thompson, for clerical services at St. Paul's Church, Burlington,	28,00
"	Paid appropriations of the Board to the churches in the Diocese,	2,378,14
"	Paid appropriations for expenses of the Bishop, Clerical Deputies and Lay Delegates attending the General Convention at Cincinnati,	375,00
"	Paid Clerical capitation tax in General Convention,	18,00
"	Paid Postages, Blanks and Stationery,	11,75
"	Paid Treasurer's salary for year ending Aug. 1, 1851.	75,00

1851.		
July 8.	Balance in Treasurer's hands, reported and credited this day and carried to new acct.	898,80
		<hr/> \$4,625,89

1850.		Cr.
July 8.	By balance of old account,	\$1,723,87
1851.		
July 8.	By rents rec'd of sub-agents since July 8, '50,	2,878,02
"	By interest on \$400 one year,	24,00
		<hr/> \$4,625,89

The foregoing is a correct abstract of my account rendered at the annual meeting of the Board, on the 8th of July last.

JED. S. BUSHNELL, *Treasurer.*

Middlebury, Sept. 16. 1851.

[APPENDIX VI.]

TREASURER'S REPORT.

DIOCESE OF VERMONT,

IN ACCOUNT WITH N. PARKER, TREASURER,

1850.			<i>Dr.</i>
Sept. 18,	To Cash in Treasurer's hands,		\$160,10
" "	Rec'd from Ch., Montgomery,		3,00
" "	" " Berkshire,		3,00
" "	" " Sheldon,		2,00
" "	" " Rutland,		8,00
" "	" " St. Albans,		10,00
" "	" " Highgate,		5,00
" "	" " Burlington,		10,00
" "	" " Shelburne,		4,00
" "	" " Middlebury,		8,00
" "	" " Brandon,		2,00
" "	" " Poultney,		4,00
" "	" " Wells,		2,00
" "	" " Manchester.	} 12.00	
" "	2 yrs., (48 & 49)		
" "	" " Arlington,		8,00
" "	" " Bellows Falls.		8,00
" "	" " Windsor. 2 years,		8,00
" "	" " Woodstock,		6,00
" "	" " Bethel,		2,00
" "	" " Montpelier,		4,00
" "	" " Randolph,		2,00
" "	" " Castleton,		2,00
" "	" " Bennington,		4,00
" "	" " Tinmouth,		1,00
" "	" " Jericho,		2,00
			<hr/> \$280,10

1850.		Cr.
Sept.	By Secretary's account for Postage,	\$4,00
" 21.	" paid Rev. Joel Clap, as per vote of Con.,	25,00
" 23.	" " " John A. Hicks, "	25,00
" "	" " " Geo. B. Manser, "	25,00
" "	" " " H. Blackaller, "	25,00
" "	" " " Geo. T. Hodges, "	8,00
" 26.	" " " O. Seymour, "	16,00
" 30.	" " Treasurer's Draft for Journals,	65,65
Nov.	" " Rt. Rev. J. H. Hopkins' Draft,	34,00
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		\$227,65
By balance on hand, carried forward,		52,45
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		\$280,10
N. PARKER, <i>Treasurer.</i>		

[APPENDIX VII.]

CONSTITUTION OF THE CONVOCATION OF THE P. E. CHURCH IN THE DIOCESE OF VERMONT.

ART. I. This Convocation shall be composed of the Rt. Rev. Bishop and all clergymen of the P. E. Church, in Canonical connexion with the Diocese of Vermont.

ART. II. The officers of the Convocation shall be the Bishop, *ex officio*, President, a Secretary and Treasurer.

ART. III. In the absence of the Rt. Rev. President, the Presbyter senior by ordination, shall be President *pro tem*.

ART. IV. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a record of the proceedings of the Convocation, in a well bound book, and to give to every member of the Convocation notice of the time and place of every appointed meeting of the Convocation, at least two weeks previous to the time for which any such appointment may be made. He shall also conduct the correspondence. He shall copy the Constitution on the minutes of the first meeting of the Convocation; and shall perform all duties commonly belonging to such office.

ART. V. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all the funds of the Convocation, and to disburse them by order of the Convocation. He shall keep an accurate account of all moneys received and disbursed; and shall make a written report of the same, to the Convocation, at each quarterly meeting.

ART. VI. The stated meetings of the Convocation shall be quarterly—in the months of April, July, September and December—at such place, and on such days of the aforesaid months, as shall be designated at the previous meeting. The meeting in Sept. shall be the Annual Meeting, at which time the officers of the Convocation shall be elected.

ART. VII. Special meetings of the Convocation may be ap

pointed by a vote of a majority of the members present at any quarterly meeting; or by the Bishop, at such times and places as shall be deemed by him expedient.

ART. VIII. The Clergy assembled at each quarterly meeting shall constitute a quorum competent for the transaction of all business.

ART. IX. The objects of the Convocation shall be: 1st, mutual counsel and encouragement of the Clergy, 2d, to excite and extend a missionary spirit throughout the Diocese.

ART. X. This Convocation being designed in no way to interfere with the constituted authority of the Church, shall be subject in all its operations to the approbation of the Bishop.

ART. XI. This Constitution shall not be subject to alteration in any article, except at the Annual Meeting of the Convocation, nor unless such alteration shall have been proposed at least one annual meeting previous to its adoption.

[APPENDIX VIII.]

REPORT OF TREASURER OF FUND FOR AGED AND INFIRM CLERGYMEN, &c.

NAHUM PARKER, *Treasurer.*

1850.		<i>Dr.</i>
Sept. 19.	To amount reported (see Journal 1850).	\$99.34
June.	“ cash rec'd from Zion Ch., Factory Point.	5.00
July 9.	“ “ “ “ Immanuel Ch., Bellows Falls.	9.10
Sept. 9.	“ “ “ “ St. Stephen's Ch. Middlebury.	8.00
“ 17.	“ “ “ “ Trinity Ch., Fairfield.	2.03
	“ “ “ “ St. Thomas' Ch., Brandon,	4.00
	“ “ “ “ St. James' Ch., Castleton,	5.30
	“ “ “ “ Christ Ch., Bethel.	3.25
	“ “ “ “ St. James' Ch., Arlington,	10.50
	“ “ “ “ Trinity Ch., Rutland.	10.00
	“ “ “ “ St. John's Ch., Poultney.	4.75
		<hr/> \$161.28

1850.		<i>Cr.</i>
Nov.	By paid Secretary's Draft to Mrs. Gray,	\$30.00
1851. April,	“ Rev. L. McDonald,	40.00
		<hr/> \$70.00
1851, Sept. 17.	Balance on hand,	91.28

N. PARKER, *Treasurer.*

[APPENDIX IX.]

MISSIONS.

At a meeting of the Missionary Committee of the Diocese, held at Christ Church, Montpelier, Sept. 17, 1851, the Report of the Treasurer being made, it was

Resolved, That the amount of Missionary Funds, now in the Treasurer's hands, as by his report of this day, be equally divided among the several Parishes now recognised as Missionary stations in this Diocese; and that the Treasurer be, and hereby is, authorized to pay over the same, without further orders from the Committee, proper receipts therefor to be taken by the Treasurer.

Present List of Missionary Stations:—Guilford, Shelburne, Brandon, Bethel, Enosburgh, Woodstock, Wells, Randolph, Castleton and Tinmouth.

G. B. MANSER,
Secretary of Missionary Committee.

N. PARKER, *Treasurer of Missionary Fund of the Diocese of Vermont,*
in account. *Dr.*

1851.				
Sept.	To cash after appropriations last year,			\$3,70
"	"	received from	Fairfax,	4,26
"	"	"	Fairfield.	2,00
"	"	"	Bellows Falls,	13,38
"	"	"	Guilford,	9,39
"	"	"	St. Albans,	13,00
"	"	"	Arlington,	11,71
"	"	"	Vergennes,	14,00
"	"	"	Enosburgh,	2,64
"	"	"	Poultney,	5,07
"	"	"	Wells,	2,06
"	"	"	Rutland,	14,50
"	"	"	Burlington,	41,00
"	"	"	Hydeville,	10,20
"	"	"	Sheldon,	6,00
"	"	"	Bethel,	5,00

\$157,91

N. PARKER, *Treasurer.*

[APPENDIX X.]

OFFICERS OF THE CONVENTION.

The Rt. Rev. JOHN H. HOPKINS, D. D., President, *ex officio*.
Rev. GEO. B. MANSER, Secretary, Bennington.
NAHUM PARKER, Treasurer, Middlebury.

Standing Committee.

Rev. JOHN A. HICKS, D. D., President, Rutland.
Rev. JOEL CLAP, D. D.
Rev. GEO. B. MANSER.
Hon. ISAAC F. REDFIELD, L. L. D.
GEO. B. SHAW, Esquire.
OZIAS SEYMOUR, Esquire.

Clerical Delegates to the General Convention.

Rev. JOHN A. HICKS, D. D.
Rev. OLIVER HOPSON,
Rev. JOEL CLAP, D. D.
Rev. JAS. MULCHAHEY.

Lay Delegates to the General Convention.

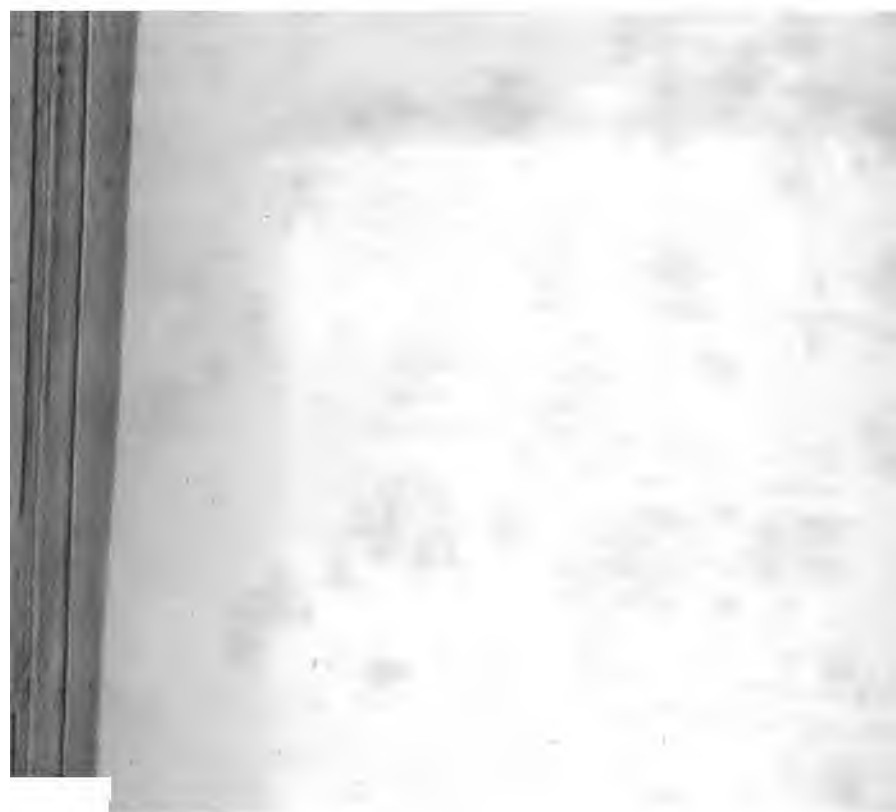
Hon. ISAAC F. REDFIELD, L. L. D.
AMON BAILEY, Esquire.
OZIAS SEYMOUR, Esquire.
SYLVESTER DEMING, Esquire.

Missionary Committee.

The Rt. Rev. BISHOP of the Diocese, Chairman, *ex officio*.
The STANDING COMMITTEE, and the following
of the Laity :
Messrs. NAHUM PARKER,
R. G. COLE,
ROLLIN EATON.

Trustees of the General Theological Seminary.

Rev. JOHN A. HICKS, D. D.
Rev. JOEL CLAP, D. D.
R. G. COLE, Esquire.



NOTICE.

The next ANNUAL CONVENTION of this Diocese will be held in **ST. JAMES' CHURCH, Woodstock.** on the third Wednesday of September, 1852.

GEORGE B. MANSE,
Secretary.

FORM OF CERTIFICATE FOR LAY-DELEGATES.

I hereby certify, that, at a meeting of the Vestry of ——— Church, ——— holden as the Canon directs, on Easter Monday, in the year of our Lord ———, A. B. and C. D., &c., members of the Vestry, were duly elected Delegates to represent the said Parish in the ensuing Convention of the Diocese.

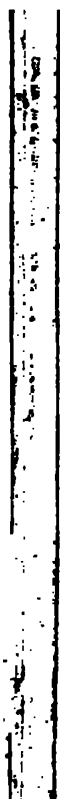
N—— M——,
Secretary of the Vestry.

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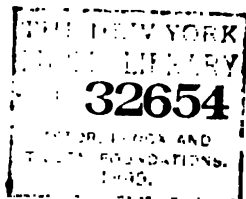
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ST. JAMES' CHURCH, WOODSTOCK, }
September 15, 1852. }

THIS being the day appointed for the meeting of the Annual Convention of the PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE DIOCESE OF VERMONT, the Bishop, Clergy and Lay Delegates assembled in St. James' Church, Woodstock, and at nine o'clock, A. M., the Convention was called to order by the Right Reverend Bishop of the Diocese, *ex officio* ; the Reverend George B. Manser being Secretary.

The Clergy present were

The RT. REV. JOHN HENRY HOPKINS, D. D., LL. D.

The Rev. ALBERT H. BAILEY, The Rev. OLIVER HOPSON,

" C. R. BATCHELDER,

" WM. R. JOHNSON,

" JOEL CLAP, D. D.,

" GEORGE B. MANSEY,

" RICHARD F. CADLE,

" JAMES MULCHAHEY,

" C. G. V. EASTMAN,

" EDWARD F. PUTNAM,

" M. A. HERRICK,

" FRED'K A. WADLEIGH.

" JOHN A. HICKS, D. D.

The Lay Delegates present were as follows :— from
Immanuel Church, Bellows Falls ; Mr. Myrick Wentworth.

St. James' Church, Arlington ; Mr. Sylvester Deming.

- Calvary Church, Berkshire* ; Mr. Sheldon S. Brewer.
Christ Church, Bethel ; Mr. Asa Davis.
St. Thomas' Church, Brandon ; Mr. Edward Sherman.
St. Paul's Church, Burlington ; Messrs. Wm. Atwater,
 R. G. Cole, Elias Lyman.
Christ Church, Enosburgh ; Mr. Theodore S. Platt.
St. James' Church, Hydeville ; Mr. J. Davey.
Christ Church, Fairfax ; Mr. Nathan Buck.
Christ Church, Guilford ; Mr. F. P. Adams.
St. Stephen's Church, Middlebury ; Messrs. Nahum
 Parker, Joseph H. Barrett.
Christ Church, Montpelier ; Messrs. J. W. Ellis, H. B.
 Witt.
St. John's Church, Poultney ; Mr. Amon Bailey.
Grace Church, Randolph ; Messrs. Edmond Weston.
 Philander Perrin.
Trinity Church, Rutland ; Mr. Charles Clement.
Grace Church, Sheldon ; Mr. John Goodsel.
Union Church, St. Albans ; Mr. Bildad Paull,
St. Paul's Church, Windsor ; Mr. Edward R. Campbell.
St. James' Church, Woodstock ; Messrs. O. P. Chandler,
 Darius Blake.
St. Paul's Church, Vergennes ; Mr. Cyrus A. Booth.

There was found present a quorum of the Clergy and
 Laity ; and,—Thereupon,

On motion,

Resolved, That Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal
 Church, not canonically entitled to seats in this Conven-
 tion, and all Candidates for Holy Orders, in this Church,
 and members of the Standing Committee, who may be
 present, be and hereby are, invited to attend the sittings of
 the Convention.

The Rev. Edward Bourns, L. L. D., connected with the Diocese of New Hampshire, the Rev. T. L. Randolph, connected with the Diocese of Rhode Island, and the Rev. Messrs. Moses S. Royce and Louis McDonald, of this Diocese, appeared in Convention and took seats, under the foregoing resolution.

On motion,

The Secretary for the year ensuing was then balloted for by Convention, and the Rev. George B. Manser of St. Peter's Church, Bennington, was duly elected.

The Convention then proceeded to elect a Treasurer for the ensuing year ;—the ballots being taken, Nahum Parker, Esq. of Middlebury, was unanimously re-elected.

The following gentlemen were appointed by the Chair, a Committee on Finance :—Messrs. Edward R. Campbell, J. W. Ellis, Sylvester Deming.

On motion,

Resolved, That Convention do now proceed to elect the Standing Committee of the Diocese for the ensuing year : Whereupon,

The ballots being taken, sorted and counted, the following persons were declared duly elected :—Messrs. Deming and Ellis acting as tellers :—

The Rev. JOHN A. HICKS, D. D.,

“ “ JOEL CLAP, D. D.,

“ “ GEORGE B. MANSER,

of the Clergy, and

The Hon. ISAAC, F. REDFIELD, L. L. D.,

R. G. COLE, Esq.,

OZIAS SEYMOUR, Esq.,

of the Laity.

For the purpose of attending Divine Service, as usual,

the Convention took a recess till three o'clock this afternoon.

Morning prayer was offered by the Rev. George B. Manser of St. Peter's Church, Bennington, the lessons being read by the Rev. Dr. Clap, of Immanuel Church, Bellows Falls ;—the sermon was preached by the Rev. Oliver Hopson, of St. John's Church, Poultney, from St. John, 17 : 20, 21 ; after which the Rt. Rev. the Bishop administered the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Hopson.

3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Convention, pursuant to adjournment, again assembled.

The following persons, not present at the morning session, appeared, presented their credentials, and were admitted to seats in Convention ; to wit :—from

Grace Church, Randolph ; Mr. William Nutting, Jr.
St. Paul's Church, Royalton ; Mr. Dudley C. Denison.
Union Church, Montgomery ; Mr. Joshua Clap.
St. Stephen's Church, Middlebury ; Mr. Ozias Seymour.

On motion,

Ordered, That St. Andrew's Church, Norwich, be admitted into union with this Convention ; whereupon,

Prof. A. Jackman, on presenting the certificate of his election, was admitted a Delegate from said Parish to this Convention.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Convention do now proceed to elect Clerical and Lay Deputies to the next General Convention ;—the ballots having been duly taken and counted,

the following persons were declared duly elected ;—Messrs. Deming and Ellis being tellers :—

The Rev. JOHN A. HICKS, D. D.,	} <i>Clerical Deputies.</i>
“ “ JOEL CLAP, D. D.,	
“ “ GEORGE B. MANSEY,	
“ “ OLIVER HOPSON.	

The Hon. ISAAC F. REDFIELD, L. L. D.,	} <i>Lay Deputies.</i>
SYLVESTER DEMING, Esq.,	
OZIAS SEYMOUR, Esq.,	
Col. AMON BAILEY,	

Mr. Asa Davis, Bethel, was, on motion, excused from further attendance upon the sittings of Convention.

The Right Reverend Bishop then delivered his annual

A D D R E S S .

MY BELOVED BRETHREN :

It is with sincere thankfulness to the preserving and fostering care of Almighty God, that I behold you assembled on this, the twentieth Convention of the Church, since I entered upon the duties of its diocesan. Still spared in the fulfillment of my humble stewardship, I have been called, within a few months, to lament the death of two most estimable and worthy bishops, who were much younger in the episcopate than I. And while I have enjoyed to this hour a peculiar measure of vigorous health, I have mourned over the bodily weakness and afflicting diseases of others, my juniors in years, though greatly my seniors in efficient service and successful devotion to the interests of Zion. It is a mystery in the dealings of divine Providence, which our limited faculties cannot fully explain, that the brightest and best fitted ornaments of the Sanctuary are often summoned away from the sphere of eminent usefulness and honor, while those who seem to be comparatively unprofitable, remain to a late period of

life. It may be, perhaps, to guard the Church from the danger of resting too much on the human instruments, or giving to the abilities of man the praise which only belongs to her divine Head and Master. Doubtless the appointment, whether we can always account for it or not, is well calculated to administer a salutary rebuke to the vanity of all mortal calculations, and to remind us of the necessity of faithful and implicit submission to Him who doth all things well, and who recalls us to a sense of our absolute dependence on His overruling government in the solemn declaration, "Not by might nor power, but by my spirit saith the Lord."

I may not dwell, however, on a theme like this, for which the pulpit would afford a more favorable opportunity. Rather let me proceed to the performance of my duty, according to the provision of our Canons, by laying before you the record of my official acts, since we last assembled together, together with the usual statement of the condition of the diocese, as the regular introduction to the business of our Convention.

On the evening of April 9th, Good-Friday, I held the annual confirmation in St. Paul's Church, Burlington, on which occasion twelve persons were admitted to that apostolic ordinance. I performed the same office in private, some two months afterwards, in the case of a most interesting individual, who was enabled, in the progress of a quick consumption, to make his peace with God.

Tuesday, June 15th, I began my annual visitation at St. Stephen's Church, Middlebury. The services were conducted by the Rector, Rev. Jas. Mulchahey, and the Rev. W. Randolph. I preached once, and confirmed three persons. The Church was prosperous, and I was much pleased to learn that a parish school had been commenced and was in successful operation.

Wednesday, June 16th, I proceeded to St. Thomas' Church, Brandon, where I preached and confirmed three persons. My next service was at Grace Church, Forestdale, where I enjoyed the gratification of seeing the new edifice completed, and of preaching to a large and attentive congregation. The building had a fine effect, being in the Gothic style, surrounded by forest trees, and well adapted to make a solemn impression. Notwithstanding the serious difficulties which attended such an effort, the zeal and devotion of its directors had left nothing wanting. The organ, the bell, the chancel furniture, the books, were all in excellent taste, and the whole served to indicate that the labors of their minister would be well sustained by the pious efforts of the people. I was happy to learn that the Rev. W. Randolph, who accompanied me and assisted in the services, had agreed to be the Rector of both the Churches of Brandon and Forestdale, which are united under the same vestry.

Friday, June 18th, I visited St. Stephen's Church, Timmouth, where I read the service and preached to a respectable audience in the Congregational meeting house, which had been very kindly placed at our disposal for the occasion. The Rev. A. H. Bailey conveyed me to his residence in the evening, and the next day, being Saturday, June 19th, I preached in St. James' Church, Hydeville, assisted by the Rector and the Rev. Mr. Hopson, and confirmed four persons.

June 20th, being the 2d Sunday after Trinity, I officiated in the morning at St. John's Church, Poultney, where I preached and administered Confirmation to eight persons, the Rector, Rev. Mr. Hopson, assisting. In the afternoon, I proceeded to St. Paul's Church, Wells, of which Mr. Hopson is also Rector, and preached again.

Monday, June, 21st, I visited Zion Church, Factory Point, and officiated alone to a respectable congregation. The parish was vacant, however, and had no immediate prospect of supply, although the place is in a flourishing condition, and the field of ministerial usefulness appears more encouraging than at any former period.

Tuesday, June 22d, I proceeded to St. James' Church, Arlington, and preached, being assisted by the Rector, Rev. Frederick A. Wadleigh. One person was confirmed.

Wednesday, June 23d, I went to St. Peter's Church, Bennington, where I was gratified to find the parish in a hopeful condition under the care of Rev. Mr. Manser. The services were as usual, with one confirmation.

Thursday, June 24th, I crossed the mountain to Gnilford, arriving in time for service in the afternoon. Here I preached to a large congregation, the Rector, Rev. Mr. Eastman, assisting, and confirmed three persons.

June 27th, being the 3d Sunday after Trinity, was spent at Norwich, where I arrived the day before, and found the young parish of St. Andrew's Church in a very encouraging state, under their Rector, Rev. Professor Royce. Three services were held in the Chapel of the University, attended by a full congregation in the morning, and a very crowded one in the afternoon. The Rector assisted in the Liturgy, and I preached three times, and confirmed five persons.

From Norwich, I proceeded to St. Paul's Church, Royalton, the next day, (Monday, June 28th,) where I was gratified to meet a much larger congregation than usual. The Rector, Rev. Mr. Swett, performed the service, and I preached, and confirmed two persons.

The following day, (Tuesday, June 29th,) I visited Grace Church, Randolph, accompanied by Rev. Mr. Swett, who, along with the Rector, Rev. Mr. Obear, assisted in

the service. Here I preached to a large and attentive congregation, and confirmed eight persons.

Wednesday, June 30th, was given to the other parish of **Rev. Mr. Swett**, Christ Church, Bethel, where I preached, and confirmed three persons, one of which was in private, as the individual was not able to attend the public service, through severe indisposition. A second visit was paid this parish on the 28th of July, on my return home from Bellows Falls, when five persons more were confirmed, thus making eight confirmations at Bethel for the present year.

My visit to Christ Church, Montpelier, came next in order, on Thursday, July 1st, when I preached, and confirmed two persons, assisted by the Rector, **Rev. Mr. Putnam**.

The 7th Sunday after Trinity, which was the 25th of July, was passed in the visitation of Immanuel Church, Bellows Falls, where I preached morning and afternoon to good congregations, and confirmed four persons, the Rector, **Rev. Dr. Clap**, and **Rev. Mr. Elmendorf**, of the diocese of New York, assisting in the services.

From Bellows Falls, I proceeded, on Monday, July 26th, to St. Paul's Church, Windsor, and preached to a considerable number of attentive hearers, the Rector, **Rev. Mr. Johnson**, assisting in the Liturgy. Five persons were confirmed under circumstances of unusual interest, and the parish appeared to be steadily rising from its depressed state of former years, with every reasonable prospect of encouragement.

The day following, being Tuesday, July 27th, was given to St. James' Church, Woodstock, to which **Rev. Mr. Johnson** accompanied me, and assisted in the service, along with the Rector, **Rev. Mr. Herrick**. I preached in the evening, to a respectable congregation, and four persons were confirmed.

According to a previous arrangement with the wardens of Calvary Church, Jericho, I passed two days with that zealous little parish, which has maintained regular services so many years without a minister. Here I officiated on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 6th and 7th days of July. On the latter of these days, I confirmed four persons, and administered the Eucharist. I am much gratified to add, that a beautiful lot has been secured, through the zeal and liberality of Rev. Mr. Bostwick, of Sandy Hill, New York, who is a native of Jericho, and spent a considerable portion of his early ministry amongst them. And the fruits of his labors, which have already appeared so well, are still operating beneficially, for the accomplishment of their resolution to erect a place of worship. -

Monday, the 16th day of August, I visited St Paul's Church, Vergennes, of which Rev. Mr. Hickox, belonging to the diocese of New-York, is the Rector, preached in the evening and confirmed four persons.

The following week, I devoted to the parishes north of Burlington, beginning, on Monday, August 23d, with Union Church, St. Albans. Here I preached in the afternoon, to a large congregation, being assisted by the Rector, Rev. Charles Fay, and Rev. Mr. Cadle, and fourteen persons received the rite of confirmation.

The next day, Tuesday, August 24th, I proceeded to Christ Church, Fairfax, in company with Rev. Mr. Cadle, and officiated in the morning to a full congregation in the school house, the Rector, Rev. Mr. Fitch, and Rev. Mr. Cadle, assisting in the services. Six persons were confirmed, and I was informed, to my great satisfaction, that a good subscription has been raised towards the desirable object of building a Church, which I trust the ensuing year will see ready for consecration.

In the afternoon of the same day, accompanied by the same Rev'd brethren, I visited Trinity Church, Fairfield, and found the congregation much depressed, not only from the want of a minister, but through the reduction of their numbers by death and emigration. Nevertheless there was a fair congregation assembled, Rev. Mr. Cadle performed the Liturgy, and the ordinance of infant baptism. I addressed them on the duty of hopeful exertion, and left them, as I trust, fully resolved to put their venerable building into good repair, and obtain, once more, the services of some faithful pastor, by the divine blessing.

Wednesday, August 25th, I visited in the morning, Christ Church, Jacksonville, being still kindly accompanied by Rev. Mr. Cadle. Here we found the Rector, Rev. Mr. Sayles, with a good congregation of his people. Mr. Cadle officiated in the Liturgy, and I delivered the sermon, after which, two persons were confirmed.

From Jacksonville, Rev. Mr. Cadle and myself proceeded in the afternoon to Union Church, Montgomery, where we arrived through a heavy rain, in season for the appropriate service, and found a respectable congregation assembled, notwithstanding the storm. Mr Cadle, who is the Rector, officiated in the Liturgy, and I preached, after which, having passed an hour, not unprofitably, with one of his parishioners, we went on to East Berkshire.

The following morning, being Thursday, August 26th, service was held at Calvary Church, Berkshire, where I preached to a good congregation, assisted in the Liturgy by the Rector, Rev. Mr. Cadle, and in the afternoon we proceeded to Grace Church, Sheldon, where we were joined by the Rev. Mr. Fitch. The new Church not being yet finished, a large school house was prepared, and was entirely filled with a serious and attentive assembly. The

ordinance of adult baptism was administered by Mr. Fitch, who, together with Mr. Cadle, performed the service, and I preached and confirmed three persons.

The next day, Friday, August 27th, I proceeded to St. John's Church, Highgate, where the Rector, Rev. Mr. Batchelder, met me, with a large congregation. He performed the service of the Liturgy, and I delivered a discourse, and confirmed an interesting class of eight persons.

The visitation of this year was closed at Rutland on the 29th of August, which was the 12th Sunday after Trinity. There I had the pleasure of seeing the parsonage entirely renovated and much enlarged, while the Church had been repaired, painted, and greatly improved in the arrangement of the chancel. The weather, however, was not propitious to my audience, as it rained almost the whole day. Still, there was a sufficient congregation to prove the increase of the parish. The Rector, Rev. Dr. Hicks, performed the services, morning and afternoon, and administered the sacrament of baptism. I preached twice, and eight persons received the rite of confirmation; to which should be added a sick man, confirmed in private, making nine in all.

The whole number of confirmations is 124, considerably beyond our usual average. My visitations, from the commencement, have always been marked with evidences of kind feeling, but never more so than the last, and the general aspect of the Church throughout the diocese, is perhaps more encouraging than at any former period. The best proof of this is seen in the increase and improvement of our church accommodations, which I shall now proceed to specify.

The church in my own parish at Burlington, has been renewed throughout, with the addition of galleries, and an extension of the main edifice twenty feet towards the west,

including a new chancel, vestry rooms, and a spacious basement story eleven feet high, handsomely finished for the Sunday School, and sufficient for 100 scholars. The addition of eight new pews on the floor and twenty-six in the galleries will accommodate 200 worshipers more than our former building could contain. Our stoves have been discarded, and instead of these, we have two furnaces of the best construction. The windows are all filled with stained glass, and the whole edifice has been so remodelled in its style, that it is fairly entitled to take a respectable rank amongst the better specimens of Church Architecture. The cost of this valuable improvement has been about 7000 dollars.

The new church at Forestdale has been already mentioned, and deserves much praise, as a very handsome building for its cost and situation.

The Church at Sheldon, which is almost finished, is of brick, and will be a very great advance upon the former building, in appropriate taste, convenience and durability.

The Church at Middlebury has been repaired, and much improved in the arrangement of its chancel, and otherwise. In this parish, too, the liberality of a well-known gentleman has given a lot of ground with a good house upon it, for the parish school, and thus laid a good foundation for an institution which I trust, through the favor of God, will be a blessing to many generations.

The parsonage at Rutland, and the Church, both already mentioned, have been greatly improved and beautified.

Subscriptions have been raised in Jericho, Buck Hollow, and Hydeville, which will doubtless add three other new churches to the diocese, in due season.

When I add to these substantial evidences of progression, that the true principles of the Church are becoming

much better understood, and that, as a necessary consequence, they are gradually gaining friends and well-wishers throughout the diocese at large, you will agree with me, my brethren, that we have great reason for devout gratitude to God for the mercies of the past, and a good ground of hopeful encouragement that our future labors in His service will be prospered by His blessing.

The changes in our clergy are as follows, viz :

The Rev. Dr. Perry, who was our missionary at Northfield when I last addressed you, died soon afterwards. His health had been declining for a considerable time, and he was perfectly aware that his stewardship was drawing to a close. We who knew him, have cause to mourn his departure, as a brother who possessed a large share of ministerial talent, united with fervent zeal for the Church, and many gifts of knowledge and experience, which promised to produce an abundant harvest of usefulness. The impaired state of his constitution, however, which seemed almost broken down by a severe course of duties as a public teacher of youth, before his entrance into the ministry, interfered sadly with his success. And to this were added some other difficulties of untoward circumstances, which doubtless contributed, not a little, to depress his spirits, and perhaps to hasten the period of his dissolution. He has left behind him many attached friends, who will never recall his memory without a feeling of high respect, and sincere affection.

The Rev. Thornton W. Clap, whose name has stood for several years on our list of deacons, has been regularly transferred to the diocese of Ohio. This gentleman, notwithstanding he was so long connected nominally with the Church of Vermont, had never taken any practical share in its ministrations, inasmuch as his state of health obliged

him to seek a milder climate, before he had time to be connected with a parish. Under the circumstances of the case, therefore, his dismissal has been no loss to us, though I hope it may prove a gain to Ohio.

The Rev. John A. Fitch has resigned the rectorship of Grace Church, Sheldon, on account of his feeble health. He has since, however, consented to take charge of Christ Church, Fairfax, which had become vacant by the transfer of its former pastor. And the Rev. Richard F. Cadle has become the Rector of Calvary Church, Berkshire, and Union Church, Montgomery, which were vacated by the transfer of Rev. Ez. H. Sayles to Christ Church, Enosburgh.

Thus, the only real loss to the diocese is the death of Rev. Dr. Perry, while the gain, on the other hand, is in the addition of Rev. Moses Royce, transferred to us from Tennessee, and now the Rector of St. Andrew's Church, and Professor in the university of Norwich, and of Rev. Thomas L. Randolph, transferred from Rhode Island, and now the Rector of St. Thomas' Church, Brandon, and Grace Church, Forestdale.

Our vacant parishes are Trinity Church, Shelburne; Zion Church, Factory Point; Calvary Church, Jericho; Trinity Church, Fairfield, and Grace Church, Sheldon. There is good reason to expect, however, that two of these, Factory Point and Sheldon, will not continue vacant long. May the Lord of the harvest supply them with faithful and zealous laborers, and give His people grace and wisdom to understand and fulfill the duty of sustaining their ministers in reasonable comfort, and of esteeming them highly in love for their works' sake.

The Convocation of the Clergy has met regularly during the past year, and their labors, I doubt not, are con-

tributing beneficially to the progress of the Church throughout the diocese. There is good reason for believing that if the means could be raised for the necessary support of missionaries, the numbers of our churches might be almost doubled, in the next ten years. But before we can hope for this result, our laity must adopt a higher standard of effort, and be ready to spend far more largely in the privileged work of providing for the wants of the ministry. As the case now stands, not only in Vermont, but throughout our whole country, I am sorry to say that the increased wealth and intelligence of our age do not enable the pastors of the Church to live with as much comfort as they generally enjoyed, a century ago. Salaries are increased in all the other departments of the community, while they are nearly stationary in the case of that class of men, on whose faithful services the morals, the safety and the eternal destiny of all the rest, under God, depend, as on an indispensable instrumentality. Doubtless this is one of the reasons why the ranks of the ministry are not filled up with a sufficient number of qualified candidates, to bear a fair proportion to the rapid increase of population. Hence too it is, that our parishes often remain so long vacant, and that it is so difficult to obtain, even for old and established churches, an adequate supply. I would, my brethren, that all our laity could take a serious view of their responsibility to Christ, in relation to this matter; that instead of looking upon their contributions as a matter of voluntary benevolence, they would regard them rather as a sacred debt, due not only to that divine Saviour, who died for their redemption, but also due to the community in which they live, and to the rising generation, on whose principles of piety the future welfare of the land must mainly rest—nay, as a debt due to generations yet unborn, who cannot fail

to suffer the multiplied evils of demoralization and anarchy, if we permit the truth of religion to decay and become a practical nullity, by failing to give adequate support to the ministry of the Gospel. I trust, however, that more just and consistent views are in progress amongst us, and that the time is approaching when all our people will esteem the fulfilment of this most important duty to be, not a burden, to be lightened as much as possible, or gotten rid of altogether when they can, but rather as a precious privilege, to be enjoyed as a blessing, with gratitude to the divine Saviour who left on record that great law for the treatment of his ministers, "He that despiseth you despiseth me, and he that despiseth me, despiseth Him that sent me."*

With regard to the affairs of the Church, beyond our own diocesan limits, I have already alluded to the affliction which we have been called upon to bear, in the death of the excellent bishop of South Carolina, whose character, as a Christian and a man, stood so high in the judgment of all who knew him : and in the yet more recent departure of the bishop of Rhode Island, in whose career Vermont took a deeper interest, inasmuch as his early education, his collegiate course, and his first ministerial efforts, were all within our own diocese. It is not often that I meddle with the themes of personal panegyric, but it is due to the most moderate claims of truth to say that this lamented bishop had few equals in the qualities demanded for his responsible office. His talents as a preacher, his untiring devotion to his duties, his soundness in doctrine and his kindness of heart, united to give him a strong hold on the confidence and affection of his flock, and the high appreciation of his brethren. May the Lord of His infinite goodness appoint to

*Luke, x. 16.

both of these bereaved dioceses, successors of equal merit, whose virtues may command the same reverence, and whose labors may be attended with the same blessing.

Another trial has fallen upon us, of a still more painful kind, in the presentment of the bishop of New Jersey, which has doubtless been regarded throughout the whole Church, as a sore affliction. And I feel called upon to notice it the more especially on the present occasion, because it concerns the diocese to understand the ground on which I have thought it right to decline the office devolved upon me, as one of his official judges.

Let me premise then, that I hold it to be the bounden duty of all the bishops to attend the ecclesiastical Court whenever they are summoned on the trial of any of their brethren. Such occasions are likely to be very rare, but when they do occur, it is of the highest importance to the discipline and lasting prosperity of the Church that every member of the tribunal should be at his post, prepared, in the sight of God, and in faithful dependence on the Almighty Judge, to discharge his solemn trust, without fear, favor or affection. True, there may be a providential hindrance, amounting to a reasonable necessity, which will of course excuse. And there may be a legal disqualification which ought to be accepted as a sufficient apology. But I am clearly of opinion that the best interests of justice demand that no considerations of ease, interest, or personal feeling, should be allowed to interfere with the fulfillment of such a trust. And in order to testify a proper respect for the principles of law and order, as well as for the Court, I should consider it a duty to submit the excuse to their judgment, at the opening of the Session.

Now, under the second head of justifiable causes, authorizing the non-attendance of a bishop as a member of the

Court, I have named a legal disqualification. The members of the tribunal are not jurymen, but judges *ex-officio*, clothed with the authority of the old Canon law. Hence, the accused party cannot challenge them. And therefore it seems fit that they should secure his rights to a fair and impartial trial by challenging themselves, whenever they are aware that he might have a good cause of exception against them, according to the rules of legal principle. These rules forbid that a judge should be related to the party in any recognized degree of consanguinity or affinity, or that he should have any personal interest in the result, or that he should have had any personal dispute with the accused, which might tend, according to the ordinary experience of men, to create a feeling of resentment, and thus prejudice his mind so as to disqualify him for the work of impartial justice.

It is under this last head of prohibition that I consider myself justified in asking to be excused from the judicial function. Unhappily there was a difficulty between the bishop of New Jersey and myself some twenty years ago, when we were both presbyters belonging to the diocese of Massachusetts, which created considerable excitement at the time. I do not mean to enter upon any detail with regard to the circumstances, nor do I wish you to suppose that he had not a full share of support, in the opinions of his friends. Nor do I admit for a moment that I cherished any feelings of personal resentment against him on account of it. God forbid ! I trust that I understood my duty as a christian, to make the best apology which I could for the supposed error, and to forgive, as I would hope to be forgiven. Neither am I aware that I have ever regarded him with the slightest unkindliness, but on the contrary, although I have often had occasion to differ from him

in judgment, I think that I have always been ready to do justice to his talents, his energy and his eminent zeal for the interests of his diocese, and for what he believed to be the interests of the Church.

But still it is a fact that there was this personal difficulty, and this fact is not likely to be forgotten. And therefore, not only the bishop of New Jersey himself, but a large number of his friends, would probably have a right to question my impartiality. Nor could I deny that I have serious doubts, myself, whether I should be altogether impartial, although the danger would lie on the other side. For I think that I should be so fearful of any secret prejudice against him, that I should lean as far as possible in his favor. And I confess, besides, that I have a high appreciation of his zealous efforts in the cause of Christian education, out of which his present difficulties appear to have mainly arisen. Without intending, however, to express the slightest opinion on the truth of the specific charges, much less to censure the bishops who have assuredly performed what they esteem to be an act of obligatory, though very painful duty, in presenting him for trial; it seems clear to my mind that I ought to decline the office of his judge, under the circumstances, and thus make exception to myself, as I presume that he and his friends would do, if the right of exception were in their power. A mournful experience indeed, has proved that the spirit of party will always be ready to censure and accuse the judges, whether there be any real ground or not; and therefore, no man of sense and principle may shrink from his duty, on account of the licentiousness and recklessness of the tongue or the Press. Yet we must all agree that we should not furnish occasion for such a charge, by assuming the office of a judge, if the facts be such as to warrant even a reasonable suspicion of disqualification.

With this view of the matter, I have concluded to decline, and shall present my excuse to the Court, respectfully stating the grounds of my opinion, which I trust my brethren will accept and sanction by their vote of approbation, and thus relieve me from the discharge of a most painful duty, as well as establish a regular precedent for future action.

In order to prevent, however, the danger of misapprehension, in a principle which is so momentous to the administration of ecclesiastical justice in the highest court of the Church, I must further ask your attention to a few remarks on the true theory of its constitution, which is far from being understood as well as its importance merits.

The Court of bishops is a fixed body, acting by virtue of their office. They have often been compared to a Jury, but very incorrectly. The best analogy presented by the tribunals of secular governments is that which exists in England, when the House of Lords sits to try an impeachment, or in our own country, when the Senate of the United States, or of a single State, is engaged in a similar duty. In these cases, it is well known that the accused party is not allowed to challenge his official judges. That right is limited to juries in the courts of Common Law, because jurymen are taken from the ordinary mass of the community, and their places can be supplied from others, who, being sworn, are qualified to act as fully as the original panel, their title of Jurors being derived from this, that they are sworn to try the issue, and give a true verdict. And their action is under the authority of the Court, which is fixed by official right, and cannot be challenged by the party except on the plea of want of jurisdiction.

But in the House of Lords, or in the Senate of our own country, the members, like all other judges, act by virtue of an official title. Neither, if they were liable to challenge,

could their numbers be supplied from any other class. The confidence placed in them, however, is abundantly justified by their high office, and by the consequent sense of responsibility, which ought to raise them above the narrow and selfish feelings of inferior men.

It is especially to be noted, moreover, that in those courts, a majority of votes decides the judgment, whereas, in the case of juries, the verdict must be unanimous. And this difference is important, because it can hardly be presumed that there would ever be more than a very small minority influenced by personal interests or feelings, so as to interfere materially with the course of justice. And therefore the accused party being safe in the integrity of the majority, has nothing to fear.

Of course it results that if the members of these courts are aware of any cause which can be reasonably supposed to affect their impartiality, it must be left to their own consciences to decline. And it is equally evident that such cause must be purely of a personal nature. A difference of views on party politics, for example, would be no disqualification. A difference of faith on religious questions would form no ground of excuse. But it must be a reason which comes home to the individual man, family relationship, or personal wrong, or private interest. On such grounds only, could an English Peer, or an American Senator properly decline. And these are the analogies which resemble most nearly the position of the Bishops, on an ecclesiastical trial.

But the intelligent Episcopalian appeals to a far higher authority, which is the true source of all the faculties claimed or exercised by the prelates of the Church. Successors to the Apostles in the exercise of their ordinary functions of ordination and discipline, and looking for practical

detail to the pattern of primitive Christianity, they ought not to limit their office by adopting restrictions of modern suggestion, which were unknown to the councils of the best and purest ages. Thus, at the General Council of Nice, Alexander, the bishop of Arius, who had already condemned him, was notwithstanding an eminent member of the council which was convened on the express subject of his heresy. So Augustin, after having written against the Donatists, was a member of several councils assembled on their account. So Celestin, bishop of Rome, who had condemned Nestorius, was represented in the council of Ephesus. Cyril, bishop of Alexandria, was the most prominent opponent of the doctrine of Nestorius, and had even held a council in which he had dictated twelve anathemas against it, and yet he presided in that General Council, where Nestorius was finally deposed. Indeed, a volume would hardly contain all the examples of the principle that no bishop was supposed disqualified to sit as a member of a council called against a heretic or schismatic, because he had previously taken an open part as an accuser. Nor did any man in those days dream of attacking the justice or the impartiality of such bishops, unless there were other facts in the case, which brought down upon them the charge of *personal* malice and bitterness. All this may serve still further to illustrate the absurdity of measuring the judicial powers of a court of bishops, by the rules which attach to jurymen. For in the case of jurors, in criminal causes, no question is more common than this : " Have you formed and expressed an opinion against the accused ? " And if the answer be in the affirmative, the individual is set aside, as disqualified. But in the ancient councils, there were always many bishops who had not only formed but publicly expressed their judgment before-

hand, and yet no one supposed that this afforded the slightest ground of objection against their competency.

Neither is this aspect of the matter without a perfect analogy in secular government. For all bodies of men who have a distinct corporate being, decide upon the admission, the censure or the expulsion of their own members. Thus the Senate of the United States, and the House of Representatives, are the competent judges and the only judges of the question, whether one of their body shall be censured or expelled. And any member may move for a vote of censure or expulsion. He may present the charge, and prepare the evidence. And he does not thereby lose his own right to vote, nor does he vacate his seat amongst the rest, as one of the judges of the final decision. The same rule obtains among the Legislative classes of every government in the world. So that the ancient councils in no respect exceeded the bounds of what is still the established law, in the higher walks of civil jurisdiction.

On a fair examination of the subject, therefore, we find what I think our own sound reflection must justify, namely, that a Court of bishops should be, of all courts, the most free to pursue substantial justice, without any needless restraints of modern technicality, and especially without being exposed to the imputation of low and unchristian motives of action. Those who labor to fling suspicion and contempt on the exercise of ecclesiastical discipline, have little idea of the injury they inflict on the character of the whole church. It is precisely in the two points of ordination and discipline, that episcopacy stands on apostolic ground, as distinguished from ministerial parity. If our bishops are not trustworthy in reference to discipline, especially when the church has the benefit of their united ac-

tion, how shall they be thought trustworthy in ordination, where each bishop acts alone, without any other aid than that of his Standing Committee ? And is it not a marvellous mode of recommending our system, to vilify the many for the sake of one, and to insist that the highest tribunal of the church, composed of men who have been chosen and approved as worthy, should be represented as unfit to determine the case of one of their own body, not only on account of their alleged defects in legal knowledge, but on the far more serious ground of their want of moral and christian principle ? Nay, has the world ever seen published a more absurd statement than this : that confidence is to be placed, even in questions of life and death, in the verdict of twelve common men, drawn from almost every class in the community except the legal profession, and having the power, in criminal cases, to decide both the law and the fact ; while yet confidence shall not be placed in a court of twenty or thirty bishops, acting on the very subjects which they are most solemnly bound to understand, namely, the doctrines and the conduct required of one of themselves, according to the faith and discipline of the Word of God.

But enough of this topic, my brethren, on which I should not have thought it necessary to occupy your attention, had I not read the productions of a large number of ignorant writers, most admirably calculated to please the enemies and mortify the true friends of the church, for several years past, whenever the judicial office of the bishops was brought into question. I trust that the time is approaching in the Providence of God, when this whole matter will be fully understood, and firmly fixed on the old foundations of apostolic and primitive practice. Then we may hope that those who have been unhappily engaged in scattering

firebrands throughout their own dwelling, will abandon their mischievous folly, and consent to learn, before they undertake to dictate and condemn.

I would next briefly advert to a far more agreeable topic, namely, the new and highly gratifying application of the Archbishop of Canterbury, acting as the President of the Venerable Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, that our bishops would appoint two or more of their number to attend the closing services of their third Jubilee. This request received the best response in our power. It was not possible to convene all the members of the House of Bishops, nor did the act come within the range of any provision in our Canons. But an informal meeting was held in the city of New York, during the month of April, at which I attended ; and the Right Rev'd Bishops of Western New York and Michigan, were appointed as Delegates, besides a request to Rev. Dr. Wainwright, as Secretary of the House of Bishops, to present the Resolutions which we adopted. And we have all great reason to rejoice in the warm and cordial manner in which our Delegates were received,—and in the manifestation of fraternal kindness which attended their public services during their interesting and important visit. I frankly confess that this new opening of intimate intercourse with our ecclesiastical mother, so honorable to our English brethren and to ourselves, seems in my judgment to augur a most acceptable and beneficial result in the future career of both the Churches. And as the diocese of Vermont has the strongest reasons to regard the Venerable Society with grateful feeling, I doubt not that you will all unite with me in the expression of our thankfulness for this special token of their consideration, and of our hope that the future may bear witness to our mutual solicitude for the restoration of complete Communion amongst those

who belong to the same apostolic church, and profess the faith once delivered to the saints under the same form of administration.

There is but one subject more which I would mention before I close, as a matter of cordial recommendation to the liberal and kindly regard of all my brethren, and that is the University of Norwich, which is now placed within the control of our Episcopalian friends, with the design that it shall become permanently a Church institution. A very moderate sum will suffice to secure this important result, and it would be a theme of lasting regret, not to say reproach to us, if the opportunity passes unimproved away. I am gratified to say that the present prospects of this young University are highly favorable, and that the ability and devotion of the Faculty, as well as the System adopted, are such as fully to justify the confidence of their patrons, and of the community.

I have only, in conclusion, to congratulate you on the continuance of the kind and fraternal spirit which the clergy of our diocese have manifested for so many years, untroubled by the slightest invasion of party disputes, and realizing the beautiful language of the Psalmist : " Behold how good and pleasant a thing it is, to dwell together in unity." May the grace and power of our adorable Redeemer, guard and preserve to us this and all our other privileges, increase our zeal, and make us faithful stewards of His heavenly treasure. Nowwithstanding our manifold infirmities and defects, may the blessing of the Holy Spirit rest on our poor labors in His service, that His word may have free course and be glorified, and His peace, which passeth all understanding, may not only fill our own souls, but be more and more diffused amongst our people.

The Bishop's address being concluded, the Treasurer of the Board of Land Agents in this Diocese, J. S. Bushnell, Esq., laid his annual report before Convention, which was, on motion,

Ordered, to be printed in the Appendix to the Journal. [See Appendix.]

On motion,

Resolved, unanimously, That the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese, adopted at the last annual Diocesan Convention, be now ratified and confirmed.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to have five hundred copies of the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese as amended, printed under the direction of the Bishop, and distribute the same to the several Parishes in the Diocese, in the mode provided for the distribution of the Journal.

The annual Reports from the several Parishes were then called for, and being presented, it was,

On motion,

Ordered, That the reading of the Parochial Reports be dispensed with, and that they be printed in the Appendix to the Journal. [See Appendix.]

The Rev. JOSIAH SWETT, of Christ Church, Bethel, was, by vote of Convention, selected to preach the annual sermon before the next Convention; the Rev. E. F. PUTNAM, of Christ Church, Montpelier, to be his substitute.

The Rev. C. R. Batchelder of St. John's Church, Highgate, was duly appointed to preach the Missionary sermon on the evening before the assembling of the next Annual Convention; the Rev. G. C. V. Eastman, of Christ Church, Guilford, to be his substitute.

On motion,

Mr. R. G. Cole and Doct. William Atwater, Burlington, were excused from further attendance upon the sittings of Convention.

The Committee on Finance made the following report, which having been read, was,

On motion,

Accepted and adopted by Convention,—to wit :

The Committee on Finance recommend the following assessments to be made upon the several Parishes of the Diocese, to meet the current expenses of the year :

Union Church, Montgomery,	-	-	\$3 00
Calvary Church, Berkshire,	-	-	3 00
Christ Church, Enosburg,	-	-	2 00
Grace Church, Sheldon,	-	-	3 00
Trinity Church, Rutland,	-	-	8 00
Union Church, St. Albans,	-	-	8 00
St. John's Church, Highgate,	-	-	5 00
Christ Church, Fairfax,	-	-	2 00
Trinity Church, Fairfield,	-	-	2 00
St. Paul's Church, Burlington,	-	-	10 00
Trinity Church, Shelburne,	-	-	2 00
St. Paul's Church, Vergennes,	-	-	5 00
St. Stephen's Church, Middlebury,	-	-	8 00
St. Thomas' Church, Brandon,	-	-	2 00
St. John's Church, Poultney,	-	-	4 00
St. Paul's Church, Wells,	-	-	2 00
Zion Church, Factory Point,	-	-	3 00
St. James' Church, Arlington,	-	-	8 00
Christ Church, Guilford,	-	-	2 00
Immanuel Church, Bellows Falls,	-	-	8 00
St. Paul's Church, Windsor,	-	-	4 00

St. James' Church, Woodstock, -	-	6 00
Christ Church, Bethel, -	-	3 00
St. Paul's Church, Royalton, -	-	2 00
Christ Church, Montpelier, -	-	4 00
Grace Church, Randolph, -	-	2 00
St. James' Church, Hydeville, -	-	2 00
St. Peter's Church, Bennington, -	-	4 00
St. Stephen's Church, Tinmouth, -	-	2 00
Calvary Church, Jericho, -	-	2 00
St. Andrew's Church, Norwich, -	-	2 00

E. R. CAMPBELL,
SYLVESTER DEMING, } Com.
J. W. ELLIS, }

WOODSTOCK, }
Sept. 15, 1852. }

N. Parker, Esq., Treasurer of the Diocese, then made his annual Report, which, being audited by the Committee on Finance, and found correct, was accepted and ordered to be printed in Appendix to the Journal. [See Appendix.]

The Treasurer also reported the state of the Funds placed in his hands for the relief of aged and infirm Clergymen, and the widows and orphans of deceased Clergymen in the Diocese, who stand in need of assistance; and also the state of the Missionary Fund of the Diocese: which reports were severally adopted. [See Appendix.]

On motion,

Resolved, That the Secretary be, and hereby is, directed to cause 600 copies of the Journal of Convention to be printed; and in addition to the provision made by the Canon upon the subject, to send six copies of the same to each Clergyman of the Diocese.

The minutes of the proceedings of the Convention were then read and approved.

On motion,

Resolved, That after the customary religious services, this Convention shall be adjourned.

Whereupon, after the last four verses of the 99th selection from the Psalms in metre were sung with the Doxology, and after the usual prayers and benediction by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

JOHN HENRY HOPKINS, D. D., L. L. D.,
President of the Convention.

Attest, GEORGE B. MANSER, *Secretary.*

[APPENDIX I]

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, ARLINGTON.

THE REV. F. A. WADLEIGH, RECTOR.

Families, (comprising adults, 160, children, 43, total 203,) 54 ; Baptisms, (Adult, 1,) 1 ; Confirmed, 1 ; Marriages, 7 ; Burials, 8 ; Communicants, (added anew, 1, removed into the parish, 1, removed from the parish, 5, died, 1,) present number, 110 ; Catechumens, 25.

Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	\$17,39
for Diocesan Missions,	7,27
for General Missions, Domestic,	19,73
for Foreign Missions,	18,44
for aged and infirm Clergymen,	8,10
for the contingent fund of the Diocese, .	8,00
for other purposes, by the Ladies Sewing Soc.	46,00

\$124,93

Public Worship, on Sundays, twice ; on other days, Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, Christmas, and Thanksgiving day, one service ; every Friday Evening, also, for the greater part of the year, one service. The

Holy Eucharist has been administered seven times. The children have been catechised.

In addition to the foregoing services, the Rector has held services in East Arlington, once in two weeks, in West Arlington, once in two weeks, and in Sunderland, once in four weeks. These services have in general been well attended, the Rector having in the three stations many more hearers than in his own parish. The Home Missionary Society of the Congregational Church will, however, probably send a missionary to East Arlington, which arrangement will, owing to local feelings, interfere seriously with the prospects of the Church there. For the present, it is believed that a majority of the people decidedly prefer our services. The situation of West Arlington is similar. If we cannot help the inhabitants to our services, another denomination will provide theirs, so that those who prefer the Church, will lend their aid for the support of something else.

IMMANUEL CHURCH, BELLOWS FALLS.

REV. JOEL CLAP, D. D., RECTOR.

Families, 90, embracing 395 individuals ; Baptisms, Infants 7 ; Confirmations, 4 ; Marriages, 13 , Funerals, 8 ; Communicants, (Added, 5,) Present number, 163 ; Catechumens, about 50.

Contributions, offering at the Holy Communion,	\$40,16
for General Missions, Domestic,	8,06
for Diocesan Missions,	12,76
for aged and infirm Clergymen,	14,00
for Contingent Fund of the Diocese,	8,00
for Sunday School Library,	100,00
The Ladies have paid for carpets, &c., for the Church, and improvements on Parsonage, about	120,00
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	\$302,98

Public Worship morning and evening, Prayer with Sermon on Sundays, throughout the year. Morning Prayer with Sermon on Christmas day, Ash Wednesday, and Thanksgiving day, and Fast appointed by the civil authority, and on Good Friday ; Evening Prayer with Lecture in the Lecture Room, on Wednesday and Friday during Lent, and Evening

Prayer with Sermon on the evening preceding Christmas day ; Morning Prayer on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday of Passion Week. The Holy Communion has been administered twelve times in Church, and several times in private houses to the sick.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BENNINGTON.

THE REV. GEORGE B. MANSEY, RECTOR.

Families, (comprising adults, 125, children, 49, total, 174,) 48 ; Baptisms, 10 ; Confirmed, 1 ; Marriages, 6 ; Burials, 8 ; Communicants, (added anew, 1, removed into the parish, 3, removed from the parish, 2, died, 2,) present number, 56 ; Catechumens, about 50.

Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	\$30,00
for the contingent fund of the Diocese,	4,00
for other purposes,	11,00
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	\$45,00

Public Worship, on Sundays, regularly, morning and evening. On other days, such as the Fast and Feast days of the Church, and, during winter, Thursday evening Lectures. The Holy Eucharist is designed to be administered regularly the first Sunday in the month. The children have been catechised occasionally in the church.

CALVARY CHURCH, EAST BERKSHIRE.

THE REV. RICHARD F. CADLE, MINISTER.

Families, (comprising adults 120, children 74, total 194) 36 ; Burial 1 ; Communicants (removed into the parish 4, removed from the parish 5) present number 61. This is the number of nominal communicants : the actual communicants are about 50.

Contributions : alms at the Holy Communion,	\$12,83
(Of this sum, \$7 were applied to Foreign Missions, \$1,03 in aid of aged and infirm Clergymen of the Diocese, and \$1 to Diocesan Missions.)	

For the Contingent Fund of the Diocese, due	
September, 1851,	3,00
For the Contingent Fund of the Diocese, due	
this year,	3,00
For S. S. Books of instruction, \$2 ; for a	

S. S. Library, \$10; and for repairing the steps of the Church, \$6; by a family of the congregation,	18,00
On other accounts,	10,00
	<hr/> \$46,83

Public Worship is performed twice on each Sunday, by the Minister of the Parish or by Lay Readers. The services on Sundays by the Minister of this Church and by visiting clergymen, have been 43; on other days 11. The Holy Eucharist has been administered publicly four times.

The connection of the Minister of this Congregation with this Parish dates from the beginning of January last. Sermons have been delivered on the occasion of the burial above reported, and whenever public worship has been performed.

On the 26th of August the Bishop of the Diocese preached to the congregation of Calvary Church, East Berkshire.

A small Sunday School existed during the winter, but it has grown much during the last three months, having six classes, and as many teachers, and numbering on its register 22 boys, and 44 pupils belonging to the female department. Every third time of his officiating in this Church, its Minister catechises the children of this School that are under 14 years of age, and gives to them extended explanations of the portion of the catechism that has been recited.

In the month of October last, he officiated and preached twice on a Sunday at Shelburne, Chittenden County, baptized two children, and administered the Holy Eucharist. The collection, applied to parochial objects, amounted to \$1,35. He also attended, on the 22d of that month, the burial of a communicant of Trinity Church, Shelburne, on which occasion he preached a sermon.

The following is a notice of Trinity Church, Fairfield, from Sept. 17th last to Jan. 1st, during which period he was connected with it as its Minister:—

Public Worship on Sundays, including one burial service, 14. There was also on Christmas day one service. The Holy Eucharist was administered publicly twice.

Contributions: alms at the Holy Communion, \$2,52. (Of this sum, \$1,25 was applied to Foreign Missions.)

Burial—1 child. Baptisms—4 children.

In addition, the Right Rev. Bishop of the Diocese preached in Trinity Church, Fairfield, on the afternoon of the 24th of August last. On this occasion the writer of this report read the evening service, and baptised an infant.

From Sept. 17th last to the 1st of January, he was connected with Christ Church, Fairfax, as its Minister. During that period he officiated and preached on Sundays 15 times, and once on Thanksgiving day. He instructed the children (about 5) in the Catechism 5 times, on Sundays. He delivered 4 lectures to a Bible Class consisting of about 12 persons, on Sundays. He administered the Holy Eucharist publicly twice. One was added to the number of communicants.

Contributions, at administration of the Lord's Supper, applied to parochial objects, \$2,66.

CHRIST CHURCH, BETHEL.

THE REV. JOSIAH SWETT, RECTOR.

Families, 29 ; Baptisms, (adults, 3, infants, 1,) 4 ; Confirmed 8 ; Marriages 2 ; Burials 3 ; Communicants, (added 9, lost 4,) 69 ; Catechumens, 24.

Contributions at the Offertory,	\$31,09
Appropriated as follows, viz :	
for Foreign Missions,	\$8,00
for Prayer Books and Tracts,	9,34
for the Poor,	4,50
for other purposes,	9,25

In addition to the regular services in the Church, there has been held a third service on Sunday evening, for a considerable portion of the year, in several of the neighboring school houses ; it is hoped not without good results.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, BRANDON, AND GRACE CHURCH, FORESTDALE.

REV. THOMAS L. RANDOLPH, MINISTER.

Families, (Adults 94, Children and Youth 68,) 40 ; Individuals, 12 ; Baptisms 2 (Adults) ; Communicants (removed 4, added 5) confirmed 3, present number 28 ; Burials 1 ; Sunday Scholars, at Brandon Village,

15 ; Teachers 4 ; Sunday Scholars at Forestdale, 60 to 70 enrolled, 45 average attendance ; Teachers 14.

Communion Offerings since May 23d, \$20.00.

Since the last annual report, with the exception of two or three occasional services, until the 23d of May, both the Church at Brandon Village and at Forestdale have been without the services of a clergyman. Lay reading, however, has been maintained at Forestdale since the latter part of November. At that time the Church, of which mention was made in the last report, was completed. It is a neat and appropriate structure, erected at an expense of about \$2,500 beyond the cost of the lot upon which it stands, and will accommodate 300 persons. The average congregation is from 125 to 150 persons. It is located in a neighborhood nearly destitute of any ministrations of religion, and where the population is numerous, though generally in quite indigent circumstances. It is gratifying that these privileges are seemingly appreciated by many in the vicinity, and it is hoped that they may be blessed, by the Author of all good, to their eternal benefit. The erection of this Church, under God, is due almost entirely to the untiring efforts of one generous communicant. May his warmest wishes be gratified by the establishment here, in time, of a vigorous Parish. Many generous donations were made to the object, by friends from abroad, for which we are truly grateful. A debt of considerable amount, however, still rests upon the Church, for which donations are solicited. This, for the present, will prevent its consecration.

A region of a more truly missionary character it would be difficult to find in New England.

Service is held in the morning at Brandon Village, and in the afternoon at Forestdale.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, BURLINGTON.

RT. REV. JOHN H. HOPKINS, D. D., RECTOR.

Families 90 (adults 196, children and youth 225, total, 421); students of College and of the Female Seminaries included, about 35: baptisms, (adults 3, children—of whom 11 were extra-parochial—38) total 41: confirmed 13: communicants (removed 16, died 3, added 10) present number 190: Sunday scholars, (boys 25, girls 60) total 85: superintendent and teachers 12: marriages 6: burials 5.

Contributions: alms at the Holy Communion,	\$130.86
for General Missions, Foreign,	16.94
“ “ “ Domestic,	27.28
for Diocesan Missions,	22.72
for aged and infirm Clergymen,	30.17
for Contingent Fund,	10.00

The enlargement and improvement of the Church were carried to a much greater extent than was contemplated at the time of the last report. The result is stated in the address of the bishop, together with the expenditure, amounting to about 7,000 dollars. The public services have been the same as usual.

CHRIST CHURCH, ENOSBURGH.

THE REV. E. H. SAYLES, RECTOR.

Families, (comprising adults 135, children 79, total 214) 41; baptisms (children) 6; confirmed 2; marriage 1; burials 3; communicants (added anew 2) 58; catechumens about 30.

Contributions: alms at the Holy Communion,	\$10.00
for Diocesan Missions,	2.00
for General Missions, Foreign,	2.00
for “ “ Domestic,	2.00
for Contingent Fund of the Diocese,	2.00
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Public Worship: On Sundays three services—the third, in four school houses in different parts of the town. Our Sunday services are held alternately in the Church at West Enosburgh and at the Centre of the town. On other days, service is held on the principal Fasts and Festivals, and on those appointed by the Executive. The Holy Communion is administered the first Sunday in every month, alternately in both places of worship.

In addition to the catechumens who are instructed by teachers, the Rector has a class of young ladies in both places of worship. The third services, in the various school-houses of the town, are well attended, and calculated to diffuse a knowledge of the Church among that class of community who rarely ever witness her solemn services on any other occasion. Harmony and union prevail, and, so far as external circumstan-

ces indicate, the parish may be said to be in a prosperous condition; and the Rector cannot but feel that its spiritual state corresponds, in some humble degree at least, with its outward prosperity.

CHRIST CHURCH, FAIRFAX.

THE REV. J. A. FITCH, RECTOR.

Families, (comprising adults 102, children 50, total 152) 34; confirmed 6; communicants, (removed 1, died 1, added 1) present number 43; burial 1. We have a small Sunday School and Bible Class.

Collection at the Holy Communion and otherwise, for the purchase of Prayer Books, Tracts, &c., \$4.00.

The present incumbent commenced preaching in this Parish, and continued to do so every other Sabbath, (holding two services) until the 27th of June, since which time he has preached every Sabbath twice, with the exception of one Sabbath.

The prospects of this Parish, by God's blessing, are encouraging. A decent congregation is convened every Sabbath, and a sum exceeding twelve hundred dollars has been subscribed in the Parish for the erection of a Church edifice.

In addition to the above labors of the Rector, he has held divine service once in two weeks, on the Sabbath, at 5 o'clock, at St. Roques, a small village in the north part of Fairfield, since the 9th of May, has attended two funerals, and administered baptism to two infants in this Parish.

CHRIST CHURCH, GUILFORD.

THE REV. GEORGE C. V. EASTMAN, RECTOR.

Families 45: communicants (added anew 3, died 2) present number 67: confirmations 3: baptisms (infants) 9: marriages 8: burials 8: catechumens 28: superintendent and teachers 7.

Contributions: alms at the Holy Communion—

Devoted to the relief of the poor, the purchase	
of Prayer Books and Tracts for gratuitous	
distribution, and incidental Parish expenses,	\$47,79
for Domestic Missions,	3,00
for aged and infirm Clergymen,	6,00

for increase of Sunday School Library,	8,66
from Ladies' Sewing Circle, for blinds, &c.,	
for Parsonage,	35,00
Towards Organ, by the same,	50,00
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	\$160,45

Public Worship: twice on Sundays, once on the greater Festivals and Fasts, and on the days set apart for public worship by the secular authority. The Holy Communion has been administered monthly in the Church, and twice to those in peril of death. Since May, the Rector has held a third service in Brattleboro' on every other Sunday evening, and at the Centre of Guilford on the alternate Sunday evening. He has also preached a number of times to the children of the common schools in different parts of the town, at the school-houses, and hopes some good may, with the Divine blessing, result from so pleasant a labor of love bestowed upon the lambs, which Christ so urgently enjoins upon his ministers to feed. He feels encouraged, from the present circumstances of the Parish, to think there are praying people among his parishioners, who love and prove the Gospel and the Church, and that in answer to their petition, He, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy, will grant them increased prosperity.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, HIGHGATE.

THE REV. C. R. BATCHELDER, RECTOR.

Families, 40; Baptisms, (Infants, 5, of riper age, 6,) 11; Confirmed, 8; Marriages, 13; Burials, 5; Communicants, (added, 8, removed, 1, died, 2,) 57; Sunday School Scholars, 25.

Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	\$9,34
for Contingent Fund,	5,00
for Painting the Church,	75,00
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	\$89,34

Public Services: Morning and Evening each Sunday, and in the morning on the greater Festivals and Fasts. The Holy Communion has been administered on the first Sunday of every month, with one exception, when it was omitted on account of a funeral.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, HYDEVILLE.

THE REV. A. H. BAILEY, RECTOR.

Families, (adults, 67, children, 38, total, 105,) 27; Baptisms, (adult, 1, child 1,) 2; Confirmed, 4; Marriages, 3; Burials, 3; Communicants, (added anew, 4, removed into the parish, 3; from the parish, 2, died, 1,) present number, 29; Catechumens, (boys, 6, girls, 16,) 22.

Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion, \$42,54

(of which were offered for the Convocation,
\$17,20, and for the aged and infirm Cler-
gymen, &c., \$6,00.)

for Diocesan Missions, 9,25

for General Missions, Domestic, 11,13

“ “ Foreign, 9,61

for Contingent Fund of the Diocese, 2,00

\$74,53

Public Worship : On Sundays, regularly, A. M. and P. M. throughout the year. On Sunday evenings during the Winter, with lectures on the Church, 7 times, and during the Summer, in Fairhaven, 8 times. On other days, to wit : on Thanksgiving day and the greater Festivals and Fasts, with Friday evening services in Lent, and Wednesday and Friday mornings in Passion Week, besides the services of the Convocation, April 20, 21, 22. The Holy Eucharist has been administered 14 times in the Church, and once to the sick. The children have been catechised in the Sunday School, and publicly addressed in Lent, and during the Convocation.

This parish has undertaken to raise the means for erecting a Church. A site, very favorably located, and valued at \$500, has been subscribed, and pledges have been secured within the parish amounting to about \$1000, to which it is believed that about \$150 more can be added.

We are compelled, now, to appeal to the Christian sympathy of other Churches for aid. Assured of the necessity of the work to the stability and prosperity of this parish, and of the genuine zeal and liberality of the parishioners, the Rector trusts that this appeal will obtain such a response from the brethren, as will enable us to erect a small but respectable Church. All the sittings may be made *free*, but if not, a part of them, proportioned in number and character to the amount contributed without the parish, will be *free*.

I add most gratefully, that members of St. John's Church, Poultney, have pledged us \$300.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, MIDDLEBURY.

THE REV. JAMES MULCHAHEY, RECTOR.

Families. (comprising adults, 150. children, 92, total, 272,) 65; Baptisms, 6; confirmed, 3; Marriage, 1; Burials, 8; Communicants, (added anew, 14, removed from the parish, 8, died, 1,) present number, 97; Catechumens, 50.

Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	\$41.63
for General Missions, Domestic,	29.70
“ “ Foreign,	19.84
for the contingent fund of the Diocese,	8.00
for aged and infirm Clergymen,	10.12½
for S. S. Library,	6.00

Public worship : on Sundays, regular morning and evening. On other days : morning Prayer on all Festivals and Fasts, with Sermon and evening Prayer on the greater Festivals ; morning Prayer on Wednesdays and Fridays during Lent, and every day in Passion Week ; for assistance in which, the Rector acknowledges with thankfulness his indebtedness to his clerical brother, the Rev. Louis McDonald. The Holy Eucharist on the first Sunday in every month, and on all Festivals for which a proper Preface is provided ; also several times to the sick and aged in private. The children have been catechised once every Quarter in Church, after evening service, instead of the sermon, and frequently before service.

We have lost several families and valuable members during the past year by removal from the town, but the number added enables us to hold about our own, and the number of transient attendants upon our services has very considerably increased.

Some important improvements have been made which it gives us pleasure to record. The Rectory has been painted and otherwise improved. The interior wood-work of the Church is now being painted, and a new pulpit and desk, with much more church-like chancel arrangements than the old, are to be introduced.

As an instance of praiseworthy, and but too uncommon liberality, we have to record that a house and lot, situable for the purpose, have been

deeded to the parish by S. W. Jewett, Esq., for the use of a Parochial School. The only condition on which the possession of this property by the Church is made contingent, is, that a sufficient sum be raised in the Parish to make the necessary repairs. In the confident hope of being able to comply with this condition, we have commenced and have now in successful operation the Parochial School.

UNION CHURCH, MONTGOMERY.

THE REV. RICHARD F. CADLE, MINISTER.

Families, (comprising adults, 82, children 45, total, 127,) 31 ; Baptisms, children, 3 ; Burials, (adults, 3, children, 2, total, 5,) ; Communicants, (added anew, 1, removed from the parish, 4, died, 2,) present number, 51 ; Catechumens, Boys, 5, Girls, 8.

Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	\$5,12½
(of this sum, \$1,50 were appropriated to Diocesan Missions, for the contingent fund of the Diocese,	3,00
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	8,12½

There is public worship twice on each Sunday, in this Church ; performed by the Minister or by Lay-Readers. The services on Sundays, by the Minister of this congregation, from January 1st, last, and by other Clergymen of the Church, have been 39 ; on other days 3. The Holy Eucharist has been administered publicly 4 times, and privately 3 times. The children are catechised once a fortnight, and expositions are given to them of the part of the catechism that has been recited.

The Minister of this church officiated and preached once in a private house, at the request of a sick person. He preached also at each of the five burials above noticed, as he has done on all occasions of public worship.

On the afternoon of the 25th of August, the Bishop of the Diocese visited this church and preached.

CHRIST CHURCH, MONTPELIER.

THE REV. EDWARD F. PUTNAM, RECTOR.

Baptisms, (children, 14; adult, 1,) 15; Confirmed 2; Marriages, 2; Burials, 8; Communicants, (added 3, removed, 3, died, 2,) present number, 47, Catechumens, 46.

Contributions, alms at the Offertory,	\$41.60
for Contingent Fund of the Diocese,	4.00
for Repairs on the Church, and a Furnace,	132.00
for Sunday School,	9.00
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	\$186.60

Public Worship: On Sundays and other Holy days, the same as previous year; also the Catechetical and Bible class exercises.

Beside the Contributions above mentioned, the sum of \$475.00 (exclusive of \$100.00 granted by the Board of Land Agents for the same purpose,) has been paid toward the debt mostly for the church-site, thus far relieving the Parish of a long pressing burden, and securing to the purchasers of Pews the Deeds of the same. Of the sum specified, \$100.00 were kindly given by the Ladies of the Parish from the avails of a Fair.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, NORWICH.

REV. M. S. ROYCE, RECTOR.

Families, 20; Baptisms, (adults 2, children 3,) 5; Confirmed, 5; Burials, 2. (not members of the Parish;) Communicants, (added 5,) present number, 10.

Contributions, for purchase of Seraphine,	\$35.00
Weekly Offertory,	23.00

This Parish was first organized nineteen years ago by the Rev. Dr. Hale, then Professor in Dartmouth College, now President of Geneva College. When he left Hanover the services were discontinued, and the Parish had only a nominal existence. I first commenced services at Norwich, in the early part of March of this year, and have continued them with but two intermissions to the present time. The Parish was organized a second time on Easter Monday, by electing a Vestry &c.,

and will ask to be received again into union with the Convention at the present session.

I have adopted the plan of taking up the Weekly Offertory since Easter, and find that it works admirably, the congregation being entirely satisfied with it. The state of the parish is very encouraging in all respects. The congregation averages nearly 100, and I do not look upon it as having reached its limit by any means, as it seems still to be steadily increasing. There is a good degree of religious interest felt by many in the congregation, and I trust very soon to have quite a number of adults to baptize, who were not prepared when the Bishop visited us. There has been no Sunday School organized yet, in consequence of the unformed state of the Parish, which has made large demands on my time; but there will be one commenced (D. V.) in a few weeks. The Holy Communion has been administered three times since Easter.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, EAST POULTNEY.

THE REV. O. HOPSON, RECTOR.

Families, (adults, 90, children 55, total, 145,) 43; Baptisms, (adults, 1, children 2,) 3; Confirmed, 8; Marriages, 2; Burials, (3 extra parochial,) 6; Communicants, (added anew, 7, lost by removal, 3,) present number, 65; Sunday School Teachers, 8, Scholars, 41.

Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	\$12,36
for Domestic Missions,	9,62
for Foreign Missions	8,22
for Diocesan Missions	8,44
for aged and infirm Clergymen,	4,18
for Contingent Fund,	4,00
for Sunday School,	5,46
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	52,28

Public Worship: On alternate Sundays till Easter, since which time three Sundays out of every four; also on the principal Festivals and Fasts. During the season of Lent, the church was opened for Divine service on every Wednesday evening, by exchange with the Rev. Mr. Bailey of Hydeville. The Holy Communion has been administered eight times.

During the past year a third service has been held once in two weeks

in the West Village of Poultney, which has been uniformly well attended.

My last service in Benson was on Easter Sunday. Owing to the removal of several friends and supporters of the Church, and the anticipated removal of others, it was thought best to discontinue services for a time. It is still deemed, however, a field of some promise; and it is trusted the time is not far distant when a Parish will there be organized.

GRACE CHURCH, RANDOLPH.

REV. J. OBEAR, RECTOR.

Families, 38; (comprising adults, 120, children, 55, total, 175;) Baptisms, adults, 6; Confirmations, 8; Communicants, (removed, 1, died, 1, added 8,) present number, 69; Burials, 4; marriage, 1; Sunday School Teachers, 3; Scholars, 25.

Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	\$26,88½
for Domestic Missions,	4,02
for Foreign Missions,	4,03
for other purposes,	8,35
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	\$43,27½

Public Worship: On Sundays, regularly morning and evening; also on the greater Festivals and Fasts, and also evening service on Fridays, during the season of Lent. The Holy Eucharist has been administered monthly.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, ROYALTON.

THE REV. JOSIAH SWETT, RECTOR.

Families, 6: Baptisms, (infants,) 2: Confirmed, 2: Communicants, (removed, 1, added, 5,) 20.

Contributions, for Domestic Missions,	\$4,00
for relief of aged and infirm Clergymen,	5,00
for Prayer Books, &c.,	6,62

Preaching and the Holy Communion, in general, on the third Sunday in each month, and lay-reading, latterly, on other Sundays. The congregation has somewhat increased, and more encouragement than ever is felt in regard to this Church.

TRINITY CHURCH, RUTLAND.

THE REV. JOHN A. HICKS, D. D. RECTOR.

Families, (comprising adults, 175, children, 90, total, 265,) 70 : Baptisms, (comprising adults 3, children 6,) 9 : Marriages 3 : Confirmed, 9 : Burials, 7 : Communicants, (added anew, 9, removed into the parish, 1, removed from the parish, 1, died, 1,) present number, 83.

Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	\$24,00
for Diocesan Missions,	10,00
for General Missions, Domestic,	15,00
Easter Collection,	8,00
for the contingent fund of the Diocese,	8,00
for other purposes,	500,00
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	\$565,00

Several Families have been added to the Parish ; the congregation is larger than at any former period.

GRACE CHURCH, SHELDON.

THE REV. JOHN A. FITCH, RECTOR.

Baptisms, (infants, 3, adults, 2,) total, 5 : Confirmed 3 : Marriages, 4 ; Funerals, 5.

Contribution for Foreign Missions,	\$10,00
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My connexion as Rector with this parish, ceased at Easter ; since which time, however, I have continued to look after the interest of the parish to some extent—have visited the sick, buried the dead, administered the ordinance of baptism to four subjects, and presented three persons for Confirmation.

The state of this church may be considered to be prosperous. There is a new church, of brick, in course of erection, and it is hoped that it will be ready for consecration in the month of October. There is a fair prospect that funds will be raised to support a Clergyman all the time.

UNION CHURCH, ST. ALBANS.

THE REV. CHARLES FAY, RECTOR.

Families, (removed, 8, added, 6, colored 4,) 67: comprising adults, 168, children, 114: Baptisms, (adults, 2, children 4,) 6: Confirmed, 14: Marriages, 4: Burials, 6: Communicants, (removed 9, died 4, added 15,) 100: Catechumens, 40.

Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	\$48.28
for General Missions, Foreign,	10.00
for Missionary at Norwich, Vt.,	18.00
for Sunday School Library,	11.19
for Contingent Fund,	8.00

\$95.47

Public Service: Twice every Lord's day; once on the State Thanksgiving day, Christmas, Epiphany, Ash-Wednesday, Good Friday, Rogation day, Ascension day, with Sermon. Morning prayer twice a week during the season of Lent, and every day of Passion Week. Holy Eucharist the first Sunday of each month, on Christmas and Easter days.

Once during the past year a meeting of the Convocation of the P. E. Church, in the Diocese of Vermont, was holden in this Parish. The pleasure and profit to the congregation, no less than to the Clergy present, during the three days' exercises, evinced the usefulness of such clerical associations.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, VERGENNES.

THE REV. W. W. HICKOX, RECTOR.

Families, 34, (adults, 95, children, 46, total, 141,) Baptisms, children, 4: Confirmed, 4: (one a physician of Westport, N. Y.) Burials, 1: Communicants, (added, 4, died, 1,) present number, 44. Sunday School small, but regular in attendance, and always opened by the Rector.

Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	\$18.37
Diocesan Missions,	10.00
Contingent Fund,	5.00
for New Lamps,	14.00

\$47.37

There have been regular services twice on each Sunday, except in two instances of unavoidable absence. The church has been opened also on Ash-Wednesday, Good Friday, and Easter evening; Christmas evening and day lost, the steamer in which I attempted to cross the lake, being blown back by an unusual storm on the 24th.

Besides administering the Communion 13 times, (the first Sunday of each month,) I have administered it once in Addison, to a venerable and worthy couple prevented by the infirmities of age from uniting in the services of the Sanctuary,—in which a son and daughter participated; the son being about to leave for so great a distance and time, as to render another opportunity for Communion in this world unlikely, and desiring this as a parting ceremony, preparing for and looking unto the Communion above. At the same time and place, I baptized a grand-child of the same venerable pair.

I have also administered the Holy Communion once in Orwell, at the special request of one in the last stages of a disease—in which her 3 daughters (one for the first time) united. There were also present 3 other persons from the Church of the Holy Cross, Ticonderoga, N. Y.; one of 78 years, who had come 2 miles and crossed Lake Champlain in a small boat, for this opportunity of Communion; Ticonderoga being without the ministrations of the Church. O, when will the great Diocese of New York provide for her scattered sick and dying members, in this northern country ?!

I have also officiated once in Ferrisburgh, on the lake shore; where I found one venerable Prayer Book, and the remains of an Episcopal family, which being poor, and visited by no shepherd of the flock, had been suffered to grow up unbaptized. The mother was committed to the earth 5 years ago, by other hands, and one only, a child of 6 years, is within my reach, whom I shall soon baptize.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, WELLS.

THE REV. O. HOPSON, RECTOR.

Families, (adults 35, children, 30, total 65;) 15 : Baptisms, children, 2 ; Burial, 1 : Communicants, (added anew, 1, by removal, 1,) present number, 28: Snnday School Teachers, 7 : Scholars, 25.

Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	\$3.03
for Domestic Missions,	2.48

for Foreign Missions,	1,00
for Diocesan Missions,	2,10
for Contingent Fund,	2,00
for Sunday School,	2,70

\$13,31

Public Worship : On alternate Sundays, Lay services being held in the absence of the Rector : also on Good Friday, and Christmas. The Holy Communion has been administered in Church five times.

The attendance upon public worship has somewhat improved during the past season, and it is hoped that this is an indication of an increase of spirituality and religious zeal.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, WINDSOR.

THE REV. WM. R. JOHNSON, RECTOR.

Families, (comprising adults, 92, children 32, total, 124,) 37 : Baptisms, (adults, 2, children, 4,) 6 : Confirmed, 5 : Marriages, 4 : Burials, 5 : Communicants, (added anew, 5, died, 2,) present number, 50 : Catechumens, 15 ; Teachers, 3.

Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	\$33,46
for Domestic Missions,	10,00
for Foreign Missions,	8,00
for Jubilee College,	5,00
for Sunday School,	5,25
for Contingent Fund of the Diocese,	8,00
contributed by Ladies of the Parish,	
for a Gown,	20,00
for other purposes,	13,00

\$102,71

Public Service : Twice every Lord's day ; once on the State Thanksgiving day, Christmas Eve, Christmas day, Ash-Wednesday, State Fast day, Good Friday, with Sermon. The Holy Eucharist has been administered publicly 12 times.

The Parish, as the above statistics indicate, is in a progressive state. Though a number of families have removed, during the past year, yet the present number is considerably larger than that last reported. The at-

tendance upon the services of the church is slowly but constantly increasing ; and as indicating spiritual as well as temporal progress, we are able to note the fact that the number of actual communicants has increased also. We consider a constant and proper regard to the Holy Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, as one of the best outward indications of spiritual life.

The Rector has much reason to be thankful not only for the zeal manifested by his parishioners, for the interests of the Church, thus lessening his burden, but also for many acts of kindness to himself personally. May their zeal and love be rewarded by the blessings of God's Holy Spirit.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, WOODSTOCK.

THE REV. M. A. HERRICK, RECTOR.

Families, 40, (adults, 100, children, 48,) Baptisms, (adults 3, children, 4,) 7: Confirmed, 4: Marriages, 5: Burials, 3: Communicants, (added anew, 4, died, 2, removed, 1,) present number, 53.

Contributions, alms at Holy Communion,	\$38,00
for General Missions,	12,00
for Contingent Fund,	6,00
for other purposes,	37,00

Public Worship : On all Sundays throughout this year, and on the high Festivals and Fasts. The Holy Eucharist has been celebrated on the first Sunday of every month.

We have to record, with sorrow, the deaths of two beloved Communicants during the past year ; of whom one had been among the first to desire and seek the establishment of this church, whereof she was an efficient member from the time of its first organization, to the period of her death. The loss of one so zealous in her devotion to this church, and so fruitful in good works, is felt to be a serious trial. May the places of the departed be supplied by others, who shall be followers of them, even as they followed Christ.

[APPENDIX II.]

LIST OF THE CLERGY

In the Diocese of Vermont, with the Parishes under their charge.

The Rt. Rev. JOHN HENRY HOPKINS, D. D. Bishop of the Diocese,
and Rector of St. Paul's Church, Burlington.

PRESBYTERS.

The Rev. ALBERT H. BAILEY, Rector of St. James' Church, Hydeville.

The Rev. C. R. BATCHELDER, Rector of St. John's Church, Highgate.

The Rev. JOEL CLAP, D. D., Rector of Immanuel Church, Bellows Falls.

The Rev. RICHARD F. CADLE, Rector of Calvary Church, Berkshire, and
Union Church, Montgomery.

The Rev. G. C. V. EASTMAN, Rector of Christ Church, Guilford.

The Rev. CHARLES FAY, Rector of Union Church, St. Albans.

The Rev. JOHN A. FITCH, Rector of Christ Church, Fairfax.

The Rev. JOHN A. HICKS, D. D., Rector of Trinity Church, Rutland.

The Rev. MARCELLUS A. HERRICK, Rector of St. James' Church, Wood-
stock.

The Rev. O. HOPSON, Rector of St. John's Church, Poultney, and St.
Paul's Church, Wells.

The Rev. WM. R. JOHNSON, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Windsor.

The Rev. GEORGE B. MANSEY, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Bennington.

The Rev. JAMES MCLCHAHEY, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Middlebury.

The Rev. LOUIS M'DONALD.

The Rev. JOSIAH OBEAR, Rector of Grace Church, Randolph.

The Rev. EDWARD F. PUTNAM, Rector of Christ Church, Montpelier.

The Rev. T. L. RANDOLPH, Rector of St. Thomas' Church, Brandon.

The Rev. MOSES S. ROYCE, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Norwich.

The Rev. EZEKIEL H. SAYLES, Rector of Christ Church, Enosburgh.

The Rev. JOSIAH SWETT, Rector of Christ Church, Bethel, and St. Paul's
Church, Royalton.

The Rev. FREDERICK A. WADLEIGH, Rector of St. James' Church, Ar-
lington.

DEACON.

Rev. ZADOCK THOMPSON, Professor of Chemistry and Natural History,
University of Vermont.

CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS.

GEMONT GRAVES, JOHN E. JOHNSON, THEODORE A. HOPKINS.

[APPENDIX III.]

LIST OF PARISHES

In the Diocese of Vermont, with their Rectors or Ministers.

PARISHES.	RECTORS.
ST. JAMES', Arlington,	Rev. FRED'K WADLEIGH.
IMMANUEL, Bellows Falls,	Rev. JOEL CLAP, D. D.
ST. PETER's, Bennington,	Rev. GEORGE B. MANSER.
CALVARY, Berkshire,	Rev. RICHARD F. CADLE.
CHRIST, Bethel,	Rev. JOSIAH SWETT.
ST. THOMAS', Brandon,	Rev. T. L. RANDOLPH.
ST. PAUL's, Burlington,	Rt. Rev. J. H. HOPKINS, D. D.
ST. JAMES', Hydeville,	Rev. A. H. BAILEY.
CHRIST, Enosburgh,	Rev. E. H. SAYLES.
ZION, Factory Point,	Vacant.
CHRIST, Fairfax,	Rev. JOHN A. FITCH.
TRINITY, Fairfield,	Vacant
CHRIST, Guilford,	Rev. G. C. V. EASTMAN.
ST. JOHN's Highgate,	Rev. C. R. BATCHELDER.
CALVARY, Jericho,	Vacant.
ST. STEPHEN's, Middlebury,	Rev. JAS. MULCHAHEY.
UNION, Montgomery,	Rev. R. F. CADLE.
CHRIST, Montpelier,	Rev. E. F. PUTNAM.
ST. ANDREW's, Norwich,	Rev. M. S. ROYCE.
ST. JOHN's, Poultney.	Rev. O. HOPSON.
GRACE, Randolph,	Rev. JOSIAH OBEAR.
ST. PAUL's, Royalton,	Rev. JOSIAH SWETT.
TRINITY, Rutland,	Rev. JOHN A. HICKS, D. D.
TRINITY, Shelburne,	Vacant.
GRACE, Sheldon,	Vacant.
UNION, St. Albans,	Rev. CHARLES FAY.
ST. STEPHEN's, Tinmouth,	Rev. M. BINGHAM, of N. Y.
ST. PAUL's, Wells.	Rev. O. HOPSON.
ST. PAUL's, Windsor.	Rev. WM. R. JOHNSON.
ST. JAMES', Woodstock,	Rev. M. A. HERRICK.
ST. PAUL's, Vergennes,	Rev. W. W. HICKOX, of N. Y.

[APPENDIX IV.

RELIEF OF AGED AND INFIRM CLERGYMEN, &c.

At a meeting of the Bishop and Standing Committee, held at St. James' Church, Woodstock, on Wednesday evening, Sept. 15th, 1852, after examining the Report of the Treasurer, in reference to the amount now in his hands, for the relief of Aged and infirm Clergymen, &c.

On motion,

Resolved, That the sum of *forty dollars* be appropriated for the benefit of the Rev. Louis M'Donald, and that the Treasurer be and hereby is, directed to pay the same.

On motion,

Resolved, That the sum of *thirty dollars* be appropriated for the benefit of Mrs. Ruth Gray, widow of the late Rev. Jordan Gray, and that the Treasurer be and hereby is directed to pay the same.

Attest,

JOEL CLAP.

Secretary of Standing Committee.

[APPENDIX V.]

BOARD OF LAND AGENTS.

At the annual meeting of the Board of Agents, of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, holden at Middlebury on the 13th day of July, 1852, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That hereafter, the regular appropriation to the several Parishes in the Diocese, shall be Fifty dollars, and no more, unless for special reasons assigned to the Board. And that a copy of this Resolution be furnished by the Secretary to the Vestry of each Parish.

Attest,

JOEL CLAP,
Secretary of the Board.

Board of Agency in Vermont of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, in account with JED. S. BUSHNELL, Treasurer.

1851.

DR.

July 8. To cash paid members of the Board for
their time and expenses attending annu-
al meeting,

\$52,05

“ Cash, paid appropriation for salary of

Rt. Rev. J. H. Hopkins, Bishop of the	
Diocese, for year ending June 1, 1852,	800,00
Cash paid appropriations of the Board to the	
Churches of the Diocese,	2,437,50
" Paid part of appropriation to procure a	
conveyance of the Bishop's library to	
the Standing Committee for the benefit	
of the Diocese.	300,00
" Paid incidental expenses, including travel-	
ling expenses, account book, blanks, post-	
age, stationery, &c.	24,69
" Treasurer's salary for year ending	
August 1, 1852.	75,00
1852.	
July 13. Balance of account in Treasurer's hands	
this day reported to the Board, audited	
and carried to new account.	516,84
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	\$4,206,08
1851.	
	CR.
July 8. By balance of old account,	\$898,80
1852.	
July 13. By rents received of sub-agents since	
July 8, 1851,	3,307,28
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	\$4,206,08

The foregoing is a correct abstract of my account rendered to the Board, and by them allowed, at their annual meeting, on the 13th day of July last.

JED. S. BUSHNELL, Treasurer.

Woodstock, Sept. 15, 1852.

[APPENDIX VI.]

TREASURER'S REPORT.

DIOCESE OF VERMONT,				
IN ACCOUNT WITH N. PARKER, TREASURER.				
1851.				<i>Dr.</i>
Sept.	To Cash in Treasurer's hands, brot. foward,			
	(see Journal 1851.)			\$52,45
"	"	Rec'd from Ch.,	Montgomery,	3,00
"	"	"	Berkshire,	3,00
"	"	"	Enosburgh,	2,00
"	"	"	Sheldon,	2,00
"	"	"	Rutland,	8,00
"	"	"	St. Albans,	10,00
"	"	"	Highgate, 2 assmts.	10,00
"	"	"	Fairfax, 3 do.	6,00
"	"	"	Fairfield,	6,00
"	"	"	Vergennes,	5,00
"	"	"	Poultney,	4,00
"	"	"	Wells,	2,00
"	"	"	Arlington,	8,00
"	"	"	Guilford,	2,00
"	"	"	Bellows Falls,	8,00
"	"	"	Windsor,	4,00
"	"	"	Woodstock,	5,00
"	"	"	Bethel,	2,00
"	"	"	Royalton, 2 assmts.	4,00
"	"	"	Montpelier,	4,00
"	"	"	Randolph,	2,00

Sept.	To	Cash	rec'd from	Ch. Castleton,	2,00
"	"	"	"	Bennington,	4,00
"	"	"	"	Jericho,	2,00
"	"	"	"	Middlebury,	8,00
"	"	"	"	Brandon,	2,00
"	"	"	"	Burlington,	10,00
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					180,45

1851.					<i>Cr.</i>
Sept.	By	paid	Rev. J. A. Hicks acct.,	\$5,00	
	"	"	paid Treasurer's d'ft for Journals,	78,00	
	"	"	paid for Record Book, for Soc.	3,50	
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					86,50
Cash on hand,					93,95
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					\$180,45

N. PARKER, *Treasurer.*

Examined and approved,

E. R. CAMPBELL, } *Finance*
 SYLVESTER DEMING, } *Com.*

Sept. 15th, 1852.

[APPENDIX VII.]

CONSTITUTION OF THE CONVOCATION OF THE P. E. CHURCH IN THE DIOCESE OF VERMONT.

Art. I. This Convocation shall be composed of the Rt. Rev. Bishop and all clergymen of the P. E. Church, in canonical connexion with the Diocese of Vermont.

Art. II. The officers of the Convocation shall be the Bishop, *ex officio*, President, a Secretary and Treasurer.

Art. III. In the absence of the Rt. Rev. President, the Presbyter senior by ordination shall be President *pro tem*.

Art. IV. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a record of the proceedings of the Convocation, in a well bound book, and to give to every member of the Convocation notice of the time and place of every appointed meeting of the Convocation, at least two weeks previous to the time for which any such appointment may be made. He shall also conduct the correspondence. He shall copy the Constitution on the minutes of the first meeting of the Convocation ; and shall perform all duties commonly belonging to such office.

Art. V. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all the funds of the Convocation, and to disburse them by order of the Convocation. He shall keep an accurate account of all moneys received and disbursed ; and shall make a written report of the same, to the Convocation, at each quarterly meeting.

Art. VI. The stated meetings of the Convocation shall be quarterly—in the months of April, July, September and December—at such place, and on such days of the aforesaid months, as shall be designated at the previous meeting. The meeting in Sept. shall be the Annual Meeting, at which time the officers of the Convocation shall be elected.

Art. VII. Special meetings of the Convocation may be appointed by a vote of a majority of the members present at any quarterly meeting ; or by the Bishop, at such times and places as shall be deemed by him expedient.

Art. VIII. The Clergy assembled at each quarterly meeting shall constitute a quorum competent for the transaction of all business.

Art. IX. The objects of the Convocation shall be : 1st, mutual counsel and encouragement of the Clergy ; 2d, to excite and extend a missionary spirit throughout the Diocese.

Art. X. This Convocation being designed in no way to interfere with the constituted authority of the Church, shall be subject in all its operations to the approbation of the Bishop.

Art. XI. This Constitution shall not be subject to alteration in any article, except at the Annual Meeting of the Convocation, nor unless such alteration shall have been proposed at least one annual meeting previous to its adoption.

[APPENDIX VIII.]

REPORT OF TREASURER OF FUND FOR AGED AND
INFIRM CLERGYMEN, &C.

NAHUM PARKER, *Treasurer.*

1851.	Dr.
Sept. To balance in Treasurer's hands, after paying appropriations of last year,	\$21,28
1852.	
To Cash rec'd from Immanuel Ch. Bellows Falls,	14,00
" " " " St. Stephen's Ch. Middlebury,	10,00
" " " " Christ Ch., Guilford,	6,00
" " " " Calvary Ch., East Berkshire,	1,03
" " " " St. James' Ch., Arlington,	8,10
" " " " Trinity Ch., Rutland,	8,00
" " " " Trinity Ch., Hydeville,	6,00
" " " " Immanuel Ch., Bellows Falls,	12,79
" " " " St. Paul's Ch., Burlington,	30,17
" " " " St. John's Ch., Poultney,	4,18

N. PARKER, *Treasurer.*

[APPENDIX IX.]

MISSIONS.

At a meeting of the Missionary Committee of the Diocese, held at St. James' Church, Woodstock, on the 15th day of Sept. 1852,

Resolved, That at the request of the Rector, Guilford be stricken from the list of Missionary Stations.

Resolved, That Tinmouth and Shelburne be stricken from the list of Missionary Stations.

Resolved, That the amount of Missionary Funds now in the hands of the Treasurer, as appears by his Report this day, be equally divided among the following Parishes, viz : Brandon, Bethel, Enosburgh, Woodstock, Wells, Randolph and Castleton, and that the Treasurer be and hereby is authorized and instructed to pay the same without farther order.

Attest,

JOEL CLAP,

Secretary of the Standing Committee.

At the same meeting, it was

Resolved, That hereafter the Missionary Funds shall be appropriated to *strictly* Missionary purposes.

Attest,

JOEL CLAP, *Secretary.*

N. PARKER, *Treasurer of Missionary Fund of the Diocese of Vermont.*

1852.

Dr.

Sept.	To balance in Treasurer's hands, after paying					
	appropriations last year,					\$31,91
	"	cash rec'd from Ch. Enosburgh,				2,00
	"	"	"	"	Montgomery,	1,50
	"	"	"	"	East Berkshire,	1,00
	"	"	"	"	Arlington,	7,27
	"	"	"	"	Hydeville,	9,25
	"	"	"	"	Vergennes,	10,00
	"	"	"	"	Burlington,	22,72
	"	"	"	"	Poultney,	8,44
	"	"	"	"	Wells,	2,10
	"	"	"	"	Rutland,	10,00

 \$106,19

N. PARKER, *Treasurer.*

[APPENDIX X.]

OFFICERS OF THE CONVENTION.

Rt. Rev. JOHN H. HOPKINS, D. D., L. L. D., *President, ex officio.*

Rev. GEORGE B. MANSER, *Secretary,* Bennington.

NAHUM PARKER, Esq., *Treasurer,* Middlebury.

Standing Committee.

Rev. JOHN A. HICKS, D. D., *President, Rutland.*

Rev. JOEL CLAP, D. D.

Rev. GEORGE B. MANSER.

Hon. ISAAC F. REDFIELD, L. L. D.

R. G. COLE, Esquire.

OZIAS SEYMOUR, Esquire.

Clerical Deputies to General Convention.

Rev. JOHN A. HICKS, D. D.

Rev. JOEL CLAP, D. D.

Rev. GEORGE B. MANSER.

Rev. OLIVER HOPSON,

Lay Deputies to General Convention.

Hon. ISAAC F. REDFIELD, L. L. D.

OZIAS SEYMOUR, Esquire.

SYLVESTER DEMING, Esquire.

Col. AMON BAILEY.

Missionary Committee.

The Rt. Rev. BISHOP of the Diocese, *Chairman, ex officio.*

The STANDING COMMITTEE, and the following of the Laity :

Messrs. NAHUM PARKER,

R. G. COLE,

ROLLIN EATON.

Trustees of the General Theological Seminary.

Rev. JOHN A. HICKS, D. D.

Rev. JOEL CLAP, D. D.

R. G. COLE, Esquire.



STANDARD SOLUTION

For the purpose of determining the concentration of a solution, a standard solution of known concentration is used. The standard solution is prepared by weighing a precise amount of a pure substance and dissolving it in a known volume of solvent. The concentration of the standard solution is then determined by titration with a solution of known concentration.

The standard solution is used to determine the concentration of the unknown solution by comparing the volume of standard solution required to reach the endpoint of the titration with the volume of unknown solution required to reach the endpoint of the titration.

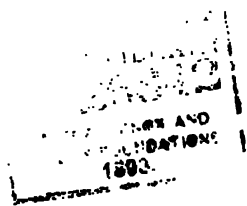
PROCEDURE

1. Weigh a precise amount of a pure substance and dissolve it in a known volume of solvent.
2. Determine the concentration of the standard solution by titration with a solution of known concentration.
3. Use the standard solution to determine the concentration of the unknown solution by comparing the volume of standard solution required to reach the endpoint of the titration with the volume of unknown solution required to reach the endpoint of the titration.

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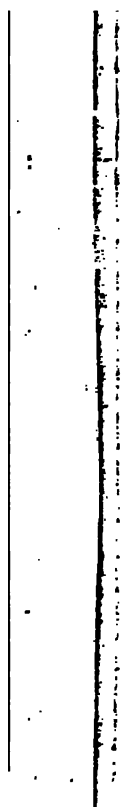
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SIXTY-THIRD ANNUAL CONVENTION.

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THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SIXTY-THIRD ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE

DIOCESE OF VERMONT:

BEING THE TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION SINCE THE FULL
ORGANIZATION OF THE DIOCESE:

HELD IN

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, BURLINGTON,

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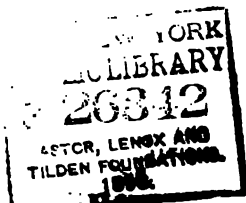
TWENTY-FIRST OF SEPTEMBER,

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1853.



The following Lay Delegates were present ; from
St. James' Church, Arlington ; Messrs. Sylvester Dem-
 ing, William S. Holden.

Immanuel Church, Bellovs Falls ; Mr. Myrick Went-
 worth.

St. Peter's Church, Bennington ; Mr. Buckley Squires.

Christ Church, Bethel ; Mr. Norman Fowler.

St. Thomas' Church, Brandon ; Mr. Edward Sherman.

St. Paul's Church, Burlington ; Messrs. R. G. Cole,
 William H. Wilkins, Thomas H. Canfield.

St. James' Church, Hydeville ; Mr. Israel Davey.

Christ Church, Enosburgh ; Mr. H. N. Barber.

Trinity Church, Fairfield ; Mr. Lyman Royce.

Christ Church, Guilford ; Mr. Isaac Brown.

Calvary Church, Jericho ; Mr. Phineas Atwater.

St. Stephen's Church, Middlebury ; Messrs Nahum
 Parker, Ozias Seymour.

Christ Church, Montpelier ; Mr. J. Y. Dewey.

St. John's Church, Poultney ; Col. Amon Bailey.

St. Paul's Church, Royalton ; Mr. Dudley C. Den-
 nison.

Trinity Church, Rutland ; Messrs George Graves, Por-
 ter Howe.

St. Paul's Church, Windsor ; Mr. Charles Houghton.

St. Paul's Church, Vergennes ; Mr. S. A. Wilkins.

There was found present a quorum of both Clergy and
 Laity.

Whereupon, on motion,

Resolved, That Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal
 Church, not canonically connected with the Convention, all
 candidates for Holy Orders in the Church, the Treasurer of
 the Board of Land Agents, and such members of the Stand-

ing Committee, as may be present, be, and hereby are invited to attend the sittings of the Convention.

The Rev. Fletcher J. Hawley, from the Island of St. Croix, W. I., the Rev. Jubal Hodges and the Rev. John B. Pradt, of this Diocese, the Rev. Messrs Zadock Thompson, and Germont Graves, Deacons in this Diocese, J. S. Bushnell, Esq., Treasurer of the Board of Land Agents, and Mr. William C. Hopkins, candidate for Holy Orders, appeared and took seats in Convention, under the foregoing resolution.

On motion,

The Secretary for the year ensuing was then ballotted for by Convention, and the Rev. George B. Manser, D. D., was re-elected.

The Right Rev. Bishop of the Diocese arrived in Convention and took the Chair as President of the same, *ex-officio*.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Convention do now adjourn, for the purpose of holding divine service, as usual, to three o'clock this afternoon.

Morning prayer was offered by the Rev. Dr. Clapp, of Immanuel Church, Bellows Falls, the lessons were read by the Rev. Fletcher J. Hawley, of St. Croix, W. J., the Litany by the Rev. James Mulchahey, of St. Stephen's Church, Middlebury, and the sermon was preached by the Rev. Josiah Swett, of Christ Church, Bethel; after which, the Right Rev. the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Swett, administered the Holy Communion.

3 o'clock, P. M.

Convention assembled pursuant to adjournment.

The Rev. Charles Fay of Union Church, St. Albans, not present in the morning, appeared and took his seat in Convention. The Rev. J. E. Johnson, of Waitsfield, took a seat in Convention under the vote of invitation. The following Lay Delegates, not present at the morning session, appeared in Convention, and, on presenting the certificates of their election, were admitted to seats, viz : from

Christ Church, Montpelier ; Mr. J. W. Ellis.

St. Stephen's Church, Middlebury ; Mr. Joseph H. Barrett.

St. Paul's Church, Wells ; Mr. Halsey Goodrich.

Christ Church, Fairfax ; Mr. George Buck.

Calvary Church, East Berkshire ; Mr. Lyman M. Hart.

St. John's Church, Highgate ; Messrs. Eben Hill, V. S. Ferris.

Union Church, Montgomery ; Mr. John L. Clapp.

Grace Church, Sheldon ; Mr. Moses Wells.

St. Peter's Church, Bennington ; Mr. M. Carter Hall.

On motion,

Convention proceeded to elect a Treasurer for the ensuing year ; and Nahum Parker, Esq., of Middlebury, was duly elected.

The following gentlemen were appointed by the President, the Committee of Finance ;—Messrs. J. Y. Dewey, Thomas H. Canfield, Buckley Squires.

The Right Rev. Bishop then delivered his annual

ADDRESS.

MY BELOVED BRETHREN :

The year which has passed, since we last assembled together, has been one of much prosperity to the Church within our Diocese, claiming our devout and humble gratitude for the continued favor of the Providence of God. With this feeling, and with more than ordinary satisfaction, I have now to lay my usual statement before you.

My first duty in the ordinance of Confirmation was performed in my own Parish at Burlington, on the evening of Good Friday, March 25th, when I administered it to fourteen candidates, in the presence of a crowded congregation. And in the following month of May, I commenced my visitation at a new point, under peculiar circumstances.

This was the flourishing village of Waitsfield, where a very unexpected door was opened to our ministry. I went by request, and spent the first Sunday after Trinity, May 29th, in services which were deeply interesting to myself, and not useless, I trust, to the large assembly which I had the pleasure of addressing. I found an excellent edifice of brick, (originally erected for a Universalist meeting house,) offered for the use of our ministry, through the zeal and liberality of the chief proprietors. A subscription was raised towards the support of a Missionary, and immediate measures were taken to construct a chancel adapted to our Liturgy. The Rev. E. R. Johnson was invited to take charge of the work, and he has since been laboring successfully in this new and promising field.

Monday, June 13th, I proceeded to Union Church, St. Albans, where I preached, and confirmed two persons, the Rector, Rev. Charles Fay, assisting.

Tuesday, June 14th, was given to the Parishes of Fairfax and Fairfield. To the first of these, Christ Church, Fairfax, the Rev. Mr. Fay accompanied me, and there I preached, and confirmed five persons, presented by the Rector, Rev. John A. Fitch. With him I went on to Trinity Church, Fairfield, where I preached, Rev. Mr. Hodges and Mr. Fitch assisting in the services. This Church was still vacant, but its congregation, though sadly reduced, was not cast down. And I trust that, by the divine blessing, they will yet be enabled to obtain a steady supply of ministerial duty, and arise again to more than their former prosperity.

Wednesday, June 15, Rev. Mr. Fitch kindly conveyed me to Christ Church, Jacksonville, where he read the service and I preached, in the morning. In the afternoon, Rev. Mr. Hodges read the service, and I delivered the sermon at the school-house in the village of Enosburgh, both places being under the pastoral care of Rev. Mr. Sayles.

The day following, being *Thursday*, June 16th, I preached in the morning at Union Church, Montgomery, which is vacant, Rev. Mr. Sayles reading the service. And in the afternoon, he performed the same duty at Calvary Church, East Berkshire, which is also vacant, where I preached again. In both these Parishes there is a large amount of religious zeal and feeling, and I sincerely hope and pray that they may be soon supplied.

Friday, June 17th, I proceeded to Highgate, where Rev. Mr. Hodges read the service, and I preached. Four persons presented by the Rector, Rev. Mr. Batchelder, received the rite of Confirmation.

Tuesday, June 21, I visited Grace Church, Sheldon, and there, assisted by Rev. Messrs. Fay, Bachelder and Fitch, Rev. Mr. Hodges was examined for Priests' Orders, under the certified approbation of the Standing Committee. In the

evening, there was a service which was rendered specially interesting, by several adult baptisms, and the next day, assisted by three of our ministerial brethren from the Province of Canada, (the Rev. Mr. Jones, of Farnham, Rev. Mr. Scott, of Dunham, and Rev. Mr. Fulton, of Russeltown, besides the Rev. Messrs. Batchelder and Fitch,) the new Church was consecrated, and Rev. Mr. Hodges was ordained. The sermon was preached and the Eucharist consecrated by myself, and a goodly number out of a very large congregation partook of it, many of whom had come from other Parishes. In the afternoon, the Rector, Rev. Mr. Hodges, presented ten candidates, to whom I administered the ordinance of Confirmation, after a sound discourse from Rev. Mr. Scott, of Dunham. The occasion was one of peculiar gratification in all respects, greatly heightened by the presence of those three estimable clergymen from our beloved mother Church of England.

Tuesday, July 12th, I visited St. Stephen's Church, Middlebury, where I preached in the evening, and confirmed seven persons, the Rector, Rev. James Mulchahey and Rev. Dr. Hicks, assisting.

Monday, July 18th, I went to Rutland, where, with the aid of Rev. Dr. Hicks, Messrs. Hopson and Bailey, I examined Mr. Gemont Graves, for Deacon's Orders. In the evening, I preached in Trinity Church and confirmed four persons, and the following day Mr. Graves was ordained, after a sermon by myself, and the communion was administered. The Rector, Rev. Dr. Hicks, Messrs. Hopson and Bailey, assisted in both the services.

Wednesday, July 20th, I proceeded to Brandon, where a number of our clergy were assembled in convocation, together with Rev. Mr. Dennison, of Brooklyn, New York, and Rev. Mr. Lambert, of Massachusetts. Here I had the pleasure

of consecrating the new edifice of Grace Church, Forestdale, assisted by my brethren. I also preached and confirmed five persons. And in the afternoon, I preached again at St. Thomas' Church, Brandon, where I confirmed one person more. The candidates were presented by Rev. Thomas L. Randolph, who is the Rector of both these Churches.

Thursday, July 21st, I proceeded under the kind care of Rev. Mr. Hopson, to St. Stephen's Church, Tinmouth, where I was agreeably surprised to find, although the parish is very small and without any regular ministerial services, that there were six persons ready for Confirmation. The services were held in the Congregational house of worship, which was given in a very friendly spirit for the occasion. Adult Baptism was administered to one of the candidates, Rev. Mr. Hopson assisted in the services, and I preached the sermon.

From Tinmouth, we went on to Hydeville, where I was much pleased to see the excellent progress of the new Church edifice, being already under roof, and expected to be fit for consecration early in the winter. Service was held in the evening. The Rector, Rev. Mr. Bailey, and Mr. Hopson performed the services. I preached the sermon, and administered to nine candidates the ordinance of Confirmation.

Friday, July 22d, I proceeded to the parish of St. John's, East Poultney, of which Rev. Mr. Hopson continues to be the Rector. And here I preached, and confirmed seven persons.

In the afternoon of the same day, I visited St. Paul's Church, Wells, with Rev. Mr. Hopson, where we met Rev. Mr. Williams of Granville, N. Y., who has, for some time past, divided with Mr. Hopson the care of this small but energetic parish. I was much pleased to find their building greatly improved in its interior, under Mr. Williams' direc-

tion. The services were conducted by my brethren, I preached the sermon, and two candidates were confirmed.

On the 23d of July, being *Saturday*, I visited Zion Church, Factory Point, which is now happily supplied by Rev. John B. Pradt. And here, assisted by the Rector, I held an afternoon service, and preached. The following day, which was the 9th Sunday after Trinity, I officiated again, in the morning, and confirmed one person. It gave me great satisfaction to learn that measures were in progress to secure a parsonage, and to improve the Church edifice, both highly important to the welfare of the congregation.

In the afternoon of the same day, I proceeded to St. James' Church, Arlington, where seven persons were confirmed. The Rector, Rev. Fred. A. Wadleigh, read the service, I preached the sermon, and the occasion, on many accounts, was one of uncommon interest.

Monday, July 25th, I visited St. Peter's Church, Bennington, where I found the parish in a prosperous and highly encouraging condition. The Rector, Rev. Dr. Manser, assisted in the service, I preached the discourse, and six persons were confirmed.

Tuesday, July 26th, I crossed the mountain and reached Guilford somewhat late, but in time to officiate to an excellent congregation. The Rector, Rev. Mr. Eastman, performed the service; and after the sermon by myself, an interesting class of nine persons took the vows of Confirmation. In the evening, we proceeded to Brattleboro', where a commodious hall in the Revere House has been fitted up for the service, preparatory, as I trust, to the erection of a Church. Here I found a large number assembled, and preached, Mr. Eastman reading the prayers and lessons of Scripture. I was much gratified to learn that he had for sometime been regularly giving them a portion of his time,

and that there was a good prospect of the establishment of the Church in this important and promising village. It is my earnest hope and prayer that this expectation, so long thwarted by a variety of untoward circumstances, may, by the divine blessing, be at length happily fulfilled.

Wednesday, July 27th, I visited Immanuel Church, Bellows Falls, where I also found the spirit of Church improvement actively advancing. The Rector, Rev. Dr. Clap, with the assistance of Rev. Dr. Sprague, of New Hampshire, conducted the services, I delivered the discourse, and eight persons were confirmed.

The following day, *Thursday*, July 28th, was devoted to St. Paul's Church, Windsor. And here, likewise, the Church building was to be repaired and improved, and, I trust, a parsonage provided. The Rector, Rev. Mr. Johnson, performed the liturgical services. I preached, and administered Confirmation to three persons. Accompanied by Rev. Mr. Johnson and his lady, and the Rev. Mr. Dennison, of New York, I proceeded on Friday, July 29th, to St. James' Church, Woodstock. The Rector, Rev. Mr. Herrick, officiated in the prayers and lessons; I delivered the discourse, and two candidates were confirmed.

July 31st, being the 10th *Sunday* after Trinity, I visited St. Andrew's Church, Norwich, which is without a Rector, but enjoys, nevertheless, a regular service, on every Lord's day, through the kindness and zeal of Rev. Edw. Bourns, the President of the University. I was much gratified to see the increasing prosperity of this valuable institution, which reckons more students than at any former period. And I trust the time is not far distant when the infant Church will be firmly established, so as to justify the hopes and reward the zeal of those who have labored so faithfully on her behalf. I preached in the morning at Nor-

wich, and in the afternoon at the Church of Prest. Bourns, in Hanover, thus reciprocating the kind service of the Bishop of New Hampshire, who had recently given to Norwich a portion of his friendly attention.

Monday, August 1st, I visited St. Paul's Church, Royalton, and was pleased to behold the increasing numbers and strength of this small parish, under numerous disadvantages, through the blessing vouchsafed to the faithful labors of the Rector, Rev. Josiah Swett, and the zealous perseverance of an excellent lay-reader. The largest congregation which I had met there for many years, was assembled. Rev. Mr. Swett performed the evening service, and administered two adult baptisms. I preached, and three persons were confirmed.

Tuesday, August 2d, was given to Christ Church, Bethel, to which the principal part of Rev. Mr. Swett's time is devoted. Here, also, a goodly number were assembled, and after the usual services by the Rector, and a sermon from myself, six persons were confirmed.

The next day, *Wednesday*, August 3d, I proceeded with Mr. Swett to Grace Church, Randolph, where I was sorry to learn that the Rector, Rev. Mr. Obear, had just resigned his charge, as his failing state of health induced him to seek a change of place, to the great regret of his attached congregation. Rev. Mr. Swett performed the evening service, and I preached, but, under the circumstances, there were none prepared to be confirmed.

Monday, August 8th., I visited St. Paul's Church, Vergennes, where Rev. W. W. Hickox, of the Diocese of New York, officiates as Rector. Here, after the usual services by him, I preached, and administered Confirmation to one person.

Thursday, August 25th, I closed my Episcopal labors

in the Diocese at Christ Church Montpelier, where I preached, and confirmed three persons, the Rev. John E. Johnson performing the service of the Liturgy, and the Rector, Rev. E. F. Putnam, assisting.

Thus has ended a visitation which was marked throughout with the best proofs of the growth of the Church, in quiet but steady prosperity. The warmth and kindliness of my reception were, as they always have been, most gratifying to my feelings. And from the commencement to the close, I was constantly led to admire the goodness of God, in the harmony and concord of the clergy and the people.

The number of Confirmations is 125—one more than those of last year, and beyond our accustomed average. Two ordinations—one, to the priesthood, of Rev. Jubal Hodges and the other to the diaconate, of Rev. Gemont Graves—two consecrations—one of the new Church at Sheldon, and the other of the new Church at Forestdale—and one new missionary Church at Waitsfield, begun under the most promising auspices, have marked the year with unusual interest.

The changes in our clergy are largely in favor of the Diocese; for although I was obliged, to my regret, to part with Rev. Mr. Cadle, who has been dismissed to the Diocese of Delaware, yet we have received four additions, viz: Rev. Jubal Hodges from New York, Rev. John B. Pradt, from Western N. Y., Rev. John E. Johnson, from Massachusetts, and Rev. Gemont Graves, ordained amongst ourselves. I ought to state, however, that the Rev. Mr. Hopson, being requested to unite the Church of Hampton, N. Y. with his former parish at Poultney, according to the plan pursued by those Churches many years ago, was obliged to change his canonical residence to the Diocese of New York, and has been dismissed accordingly. But this does not seriously affect our strength in the practical aspect of the matter, as he still remains the Rector of his Church at Poultney.

Our list of candidates has been reduced by the ordination of Mr. Johnson, in Massachusetts ; to the Bishop of which he was transferred by request : and the ordination of Mr. Graves, in our own Diocese. I have, however, the gratification of stating that another name is added, in the person of my own son, William C. Hopkins. We have now, therefore, two candidates, and it is a singular fact, perhaps a solitary one in the history of the Church, that the only candidates for the ministry in the diocese should be the sons of the Bishop.

With regard to my official acts, beyond our own borders, since the last Convention, I have to state the following :

In October 1852, I attended, on the summons of our late presiding Bishop, as a member of the Court, to try the presentment against the Diocesan of New Jersey: and there, as I had previously stated to be my intention at our Convention, I applied formally to be excused. But my application was overruled by the vote of my colleagues, and the Bishop of New Jersey himself expressed his desire that I should act as one of the tribunal. It pleased my brethren, further, to elect me as President of the Court ; an honor for which I was doubtless indebted to the fact, that I was the Senior Bishop present on the occasion. The result, however, as you are probably informed, did not settle the question, as the majority of the Court decided not to proceed to the trial of the charges. My own judgment did not accord with that of my respected Colleagues. And, as I anticipated, and the event proved, the accusing parties were not satisfied.

Another Presentment was made, and the Bishops, to the number of twenty-one, assembled at Camden, on the 1st of this month. After a long and patient hearing of the allegations and arguments on both sides, it became happily ap-

parent that a satisfactory accommodation might be made without going through the painful process of a trial, based upon a sufficient acknowledgment of error on the part of the Respondent to meet the ends of justice ; and thus the Court was enabled to unite unanimously in a final disposition of this conflicting controversy, and restore the Church to peace.

In the month of March, I was very cordially invited by his Lordship, the Bishop of Montreal, to preach the sermon at the consecration of a new Church, St. Stephen's, and was received there in the kindest and most gratifying spirit of fraternity. The value of such acts is to be estimated, however, far beyond the mere point of personal esteem ; because they demonstrate the substantial unity of the Church, they tend not a little to strengthen the bonds of friendly intercourse and affection, with our Canadian brethren ; and they foreshadow, as I trust, the approaching time when the true brotherhood of our whole Communion, through every quarter of the world, shall be fully displayed, after the beautiful model of primitive Christianity, in one unbroken and impartial union, without regard to the jealous restrictions of earthly policy.

It was my mournful duty, in my last address, to notice the death of two worthy and estimable Bishops. And now I am called to mention the departure of the venerable presiding Bishop, whose name and whose virtues will go down with praise, to the latest posterity, as the leader of the Missionary work in the great States of the West, and the founder of two excellent institutions, Kenyon College in Ohio, and Jubilee College in Illinois. Such substantial and enduring monuments of well directed zeal can hardly be claimed by any other man, in the Church's history. Nor is there a single voice which can deny that, under God, they were the honest fruits of long, and faithful, and most labor-

ious toil and perseverance, in the face of difficulties. The memory of Bishop Chase is thus engraved upon the records of our Church and of our country, as the brightest example of bold and successful enterprise. And the united applause of religion and learning will yield their tribute to his character and merits, with each returning year; long after the best achievements of the majority among his contemporaries, shall have been superseded and forgotten.

With far different emotions, I am compelled to notice the sad event, so new in our history, of the defection of the late Bishop of the Church in North Carolina to the ranks of Popery. He, too, is dead to us. Not departed, like our venerable Senior, in the beautiful radiance of the setting sun, but fallen from the firmament of the Church, like a transient meteor. True, there were sixteen of our priests who had fallen before him, as upwards of a hundred in our mother Church, had been previously beguiled, to abandon the pure and scriptural faith of primitive Christianity, for the errors and superstitions of Romanism. Yet by many of his former friends, the fall of Dr. Ives has been attributed to partial insanity. For myself, however, I see nothing more in his case than I saw in the others, namely: the perversion of the judgment to which all men are exposed, when they forsake the unerring teaching of the word of God, as it was held in the early and uncontaminated ages of the primitive Christian Church, and is still retained in our own faithful standards. Over such defections we mourn, not for the loss to us, but for the victims of a melancholy delusion. We rather gain, by the departure of unsound and cankered members, because they can no longer infect or disturb their former brethren, and their place is readily supplied by wiser and safer men. But I shall be much mistaken if Rome rewards her misguided proselytes with a tithe of the respect

which they possessed before. We leave them to the judgment of heaven, which it is not for man to pronounce; and pray that God may convince them of their awful error, and pardon it in His mercy.

In comparison with the successful enterprise and large influence of many others, my brethren, I have nothing to claim, in the obscurity and poverty of my humble labors. And yet, inasmuch as twenty years of my episcopate have now passed away, it may be right to ask your attention to a brief statement of the amount of our progress, in this small Diocese, as an acknowledgment of the goodness of God, notwithstanding my personal deficiencies.

When I look back to the year 1832, in the Convention of which the Diocese of Vermont first exercised her power of electing her own Bishop, I find that there were 13 clergymen who voted on the occasion. Two of these, however, left the Diocese soon after; so that when I came to take up my residence in my new sphere, there were only eleven. There are now 25 connected with the Diocese, exclusive of two who have parishes within our borders, although they are canonically reckoned of the Diocese of New York.

At the same time, namely, in the month of November 1832, there were 16 Church buildings in the Diocese, which have increased to 28, besides two which have been entirely rebuilt, at Sheldon and Bethel, one much enlarged, at Burlington, and many others greatly improved.

At that time, there was but one parsonage belonging to the Diocese. Now there are seven, with several others in contemplation. The Confirmations are 2595, and the property of the Church is generally free from debt and embarrassment.

But this statement will be better appreciated when it is remembered that during the same twenty years, the popu-

lation of Vermont which, at the Census of 1880, amounted to 280,000, was only 314,000 at the Census of 1850, being kept down by excessive emigration to the Western States. Twenty years ago, therefore, we had only one clergyman to every 25,456 souls, whereas now we have one clergyman for every 12,520. This is not only a large advance upon the increase of population in Vermont, but it is considerably more than the average for the population of the whole Union. For, estimating our clergymen at 1650, and the population of the Union at 23,000,000, we find the average to be one clergyman to every 14,275 souls.

It may be yet more satisfactory, however, to make a comparison with some of those Dioceses which are the oldest and the strongest. Thus Connecticut, with a population of 370,604, has 109 clergymen, which is one to every 3491 souls, a far better proportion than any other Diocese. New York, with a population of 3,042,000, has 264 clergy in the old Diocese, and 120 in the new, making a total of 384, which gives one to every 7,922 souls. On the other hand, Pennsylvania, with a population of 2,258,000, has 155 clergymen, or one to every 14,567 souls. Massachusetts, having a population of 985,498, has 75 clergymen, being one to 13,139. Virginia, with a population of 1,421,000, has 107 clergymen, which gives one to every 13,280. North Carolina, with a population of 868,870, has 36 clergymen, or one to every 24,135. And the rest vary between these proportions.

It is thus apparent that the Church in Vermont has no cause to shrink from a comparison with the growth of other Dioceses, notwithstanding the disadvantages of our position, the constant drain from emigration, and the lack of large and wealthy cities, to say nothing of the deficiencies of her Bishop. We have grown much faster than the population,

for our clergy, from 11, have increased to 25, more than double, while the population has only increased from 280,000 to 314,000, or about one-eighth part more ; so that the proportion of one clergymen to every 25,000, has become that of one clergyman to every 12,000. Hence, while we are relatively weaker than Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, or Maryland, we are relatively stronger than Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Virginia, North Carolina, and a large majority of others ; and considerably above the general average of the whole United States.

One fact more may be mentioned in this connexion, that in the year 1794, when a small Convention of Episcopalians in Vermont, elected Rev. Dr. Peters as Bishop, the House of Bishops refused to consecrate him, amongst other reasons, because the Diocese at that time contained not a single Church edifice, and only one solitary clergyman ! We have reason to be grateful for the progress made since then, under all the circumstances ; and the more so, since it must be acknowledged that there has been no harder soil any where, for the growth of Episcopacy.

But we have other grounds of thankfulness much greater than that of our numerical increase. And here, perhaps, you will indulge me with a brief reference to the current of events, beginning with the period when Vermont separated from her previous union with the Eastern Diocese, about twenty-one years ago.

The election of your Bishop was not free from party dissension, and there was another candidate over whom my nomination prevailed by only a majority of one vote.— This would have been conclusive with me in refusing an appointment which I never desired, had not the minority, with a magnanimity which did them honor, signed the testimonials to a man, and addressed to me, besides, through one of their number, a letter, urging me to consider the elec-

tion as virtually unanimous. At this time, I was living near Boston, being connected with Trinity Church in that city, and receiving the largest salary in the Diocese. I had never seen Vermont, and only felt constrained to become your Bishop, after much hesitation and delay, from what seemed the necessity of duty. And when I began my official course, I found my little Diocese about equally divided by High and Low Church differences, and there was a large amount of irregularity, and a plentiful supply of the elements of strife.

Afterwards came in new causes of excitement. The Oxford tracts, in which there was much good, united to no little evil, extended their influence across the Atlantic. Controversy rose up in a new field and a new form, and the Church, which at first required to be sustained against one set of disturbing influences, became yet more in need of being guarded against a contrary and far stronger tide of innovation. I need not recall to your minds the sad variety of trials which came upon us through this source, since, by the special mercy of God, it has now so happily passed away. Nor would it become me to allude to my own share in the controversy. Suffice it to say, that the period of my episcopate has embraced the most perilous times which the Church in this country has ever encountered, and that our internal peace and unity were never exposed to such imminent danger.

But now, what is the result within our own borders? I state it with humble gratitude to the Giver of all good, as a special ground of devout thanksgiving. There is not, from one end of the diocese to the other, a single root of bitterness or dissension. Our clergy meet together without one exception, as a band of brothers. The lines of party spirit are all merged in the unity of the Church. And I doubt whether it is possible to enjoy, in this poor imperfect world,

an ecclesiastical condition of greater harmony, peace and affection, than the blessing of the Redeemer has worked out for us, to the praise of His gracious and holy name !

Let us all then, my beloved brethren, unite in the acknowledgment of His goodness and His mercy. Let us all watch carefully against any movement, or act, or word, or temper, by which the enemy of souls may seek to bring in a commencement of strife or trouble. Let the excellent work of your Convocation go on, as it has done, in the promotion of the high and holy objects of the Church, in the pure zeal of Christian faith, without the alloy of self seeking, or vain glory. Let your unworthy bishop continue to enjoy the benefit of your cordial confidence and constant prayers ; and let brotherly love and kind consideration mark all your intercourse with each other. May we all have grace from the Holy Spirit to go on, looking more and more to that Saviour who is the Author and Finisher of our faith, and ever mindful of the solemn account which we must render at His tribunal. And thus, though we are still but a little flock, the Lord will prosper His ministry and people, and God, even our own God, will give us his blessing !

The Bishop's address being concluded, it was, on motion,
Resolved, That the Convention do now proceed to elect
 the standing Committee for the ensuing year :

Whereupon, the President appointed Messrs. Sylvester
 Deming and Joseph H. Barrett, tellers.

The ballot being taken, the following persons were duly
 elected :—

The Rev. JOHN A. HICKS, D. D.,

“ “ JOEL CLAP, D. D.,

“ “ GEORGE B. MANSER, D. D.,

of the Clergy, and

The Hon. ISAAC F. REDFIELD, L. L. D.,

R. G. COLE, Esq.,

OZIAS SEYMOUR, Esq.

of the Laity,

The Convention then proceeded to elect Clerical and Lay
 Deputies to the next General Convention, to be held in the
 city of New York, on the first Wednesday of October next.
 Messrs. Barret and Ellis, were appointed tellers. And the
 ballots being taken, the following persons were declared du-
 ly elected :—

The Rev. JOHN A. HICKS, D. D.,

“ “ JOEL CLAP, D. D.,

“ “ GEORGE B. MANSER, D. D.

“ “ CHARLES FAY,

} Clerical Dep's.

The Hon. ISAAC F. REDFIELD, L. L. D.

R. G. COLE, Esq.,

SYLVESTER DEMING, Esq.,

OZIAS SEYMOUR, Esq.,

} Lay Deputies.

The following resolutions were, on motion, adopted : viz :

Resolved, That hereafter the Missionary operations in
 the Diocese shall be conducted by the Convocation, which
 is hereby constituted the Missionary Board for that pur-
 pose: and, that, at each annual meeting of the Convocation,

a Committee of five persons shall be chosen, who, (together with the Bishop of the Diocese, who shall be, *ex officio*, Chairman of the same) shall establish Missionary Stations, appoint and remove Missionaries, and disburse all funds for Diocesan missions. *Provided*, That no Missionary shall be appointed or removed without the consent of the Bishop.

Resolved, That whatever may be inconsistent with the foregoing provisions in any resolution of the Convention of the Diocese be, and hereby is, rescinded.

A communication from the Secretary of the General Convention of 1850, relative to an amendment of Art. V, of the Constitution of the Church, was laid before Convention and approved.

The Treasurer of the Board of Land Agents, J. S. Bushnell, Esq., laid his annual report upon the table, abstracts from which were read, and the whole was directed to be printed in the Appendix to the Journal of this Convention.

N. Parker, Esq., Treasurer of the Diocese, then made his annual report, which, having been audited by the Committee on Finance and found correct, was accepted and ordered to be printed in the Appendix to the Journal.

The Parochial Reports being called for, the reading of the same was dispensed with, and they were, on motion, ordered to be printed in the Appendix to the Journal.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Diocese be directed to pay over to the Secretary of Convention the amount of the capitation tax called for from this Diocese, by General Convention.

The Committee on Finance made the following report, which having been read, was,

On motion,

Accepted and adopted by Convention,—to wit :

The Committee on Finance recommend the following assessments to be made upon the several Parishes of the Diocese, to meet the current expenses of the year :

Union Church, Montgomery,	\$3,00
Calvary Church, Berkshire,	3,00
Christ Church, Enosburg,	2,00
Grace Church, Sheldon,	3,00
Trinity Church, Rutland,	8,00
Union Church, St. Albans,	8,00
St. John's Church, Highgate,	5,00
Christ Church, Fairfax,	2,00
Trinity Church, Fairfield,	2,00
St. Paul's Church, Burlington,	10,00
Trinity Church, Shelburne,	2,00
St. Paul's Church, Vergennes,	5,00
St. Stephen's Church, Middlebury,	8,00
St. Thomas' Church, Brandon.	2,00
St. John's Church, Poultney,	4,00
St. Paul's Church. Wells,	2,00
Zion Church, Factory Point,	3,00
St. James' Church, Arlington,	8,00
Christ Church, Guilford,	2,00
Immanuel Church, Bellows Falls,	8,00
St. Paul's Church, Windsor.	4,00
St. James' Church, Woodstock,	6,00
Christ Church, Bethel,	3,00
St. Paul's Church, Royalton,	2,00

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Christ Church, Montpelier,	4,00
Grace Church, Randolph,	2,00
St. James' Church, Hydeville,	2,00
St. Peter's Church, Bennington,	4,00
St. Stephen's Church, Tinmouth,	2,00
Calvary Church, Jericho,	2,00
St. Andrew's Church, Norwich,	2,00

J. Y. DEWEY,
BUCKLEY SQUIRES, } *Com.*

BURLINGTON, }
Sept. 21, 1853. }

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Diocesan Convention be authorized to pay from time to time, to the order of the Executive Committee of the Board of Missions, such Diocesan Missionary funds as may be in the Treasury.

The Rev. E. F. Putnam, of Christ Church, Montpelier, was appointed, to preach the annual sermon before the next Convention; the Rev. Albert H. Bailey to be his substitute.

The Rev. G. C. V. Eastman, of Christ Church, Guilford, was appointed to preach the Missionary sermon, the evening before the next annual Diocesan Convention, the Rev. William R. Johnson to be his substitute.

On motion,

Resolved, That the next Annual Convention of this Diocese, be held at Trinity Church, Rutland.

Resolved, That Convention do now take a recess until immediately after the close of Divine service this evening.

8 1-2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Convention assembled at the conclusion of Divine service, according to adjournment.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Secretary be, and hereby is, directed to cause 1200 copies of the Journal of this Convention to be printed ; and, in addition to the provision made by the Canon on the subject, to send to each Clergyman of the Diocese, a number of copies, equal to the number of families in his parish or parishes, as reported in the Journal of the last Convention.

The minutes of the proceedings of the Convention were then read and approved.

On motion,

Resolved, That after the usual religious exercises, this Convention adjourn without day.

Whereupon, after singing the 30th selection from the Psalms in metre, with the Doxology, and the usual prayers and benediction by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

JOHN HENRY HOPKINS, D. D., L. L. D.

President of the Convention.

Attest, GEORGE B. MANSER, D.D. Secretary.

[APPENDIX.]

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, ARLINGTON.

THE REV. FREDERICK A. WADLEIGH, RECTOR.

Families, (comprising adults, 182, children, 63, total 245,) 62; Baptisms, (adults, 2, children, 4,) 6; Confirmed, 7; Marriages, 6; Burials, 17; Communicants, (added anew, 7, removed from the parish, 2, died, 3,) present number, 113; Catechumens, 35.

Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	20,41
for Diocesan Missions,	9,50
for General Missions, Domestic,	10,00
for Foreign Missions,	19,36
Easter Collection,	5,29
for the contingent fund of the Diocese,	8,00
for the Church in Hydeville,	48,00

Public Worship, on Sundays, twice; on other days, Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, Christmas, and the days appointed by the civil authority, one service each. The holy Eucharist has been administered seven times.

In addition to the services above reported, the Rector has continued his services in East and West Arlington, and in Sunderland as heretofore. No important results have yet grown out of the effort, and none can reasonably be expected, unless in some way, these stations have a larger amount of labor expended on them, than under present circumstances is possible. In West Arlington, six miles distant, the Church is evidently regaining her hold upon the affections of the people. There has been a demand for Prayer books, and the responsive portions of our liturgy are very creditably performed.

IMMANUEL CHURCH, BELLOWS FALLS.

REV. JOSEPH CLAP, D. D., RECTOR.

Families, 95 ; embracing about 400 adults and children ; Baptisms, (Adults, 3, Infants, 10,) Total, 13 ; Confirmations, 8 ; Marriages, 17 ; Communicants, (Added, 8, Died, 1, Removed, 3,) present number 167. Sunday School Children, about 50.

Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	40,88
for General Domestic Missions,	10,46
for Diocesan Missions,	4,02
for Aged and Infirm Clergymen,	8,48
for Contingent Fund,	8,00

Public Worship, morning and evening Prayer, with service on Sundays. Morning Prayer, and sermon on Christmas day, Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and the days appointed by the civil authority, for Thanksgiving and Fasting. Evening prayer and sermon on Christmas Eve, and Wednesday and Friday during Lent, morning prayer on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, in Passion Week.

The Holy Eucharist has been administered in Church 12 times, and several times to the sick in private houses.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BENNINGTON.

REV. GEORGE B. MANSEY, D. D., RECTOR.

Families, 53; comprising 303 attendants on divine worship; Baptisms, (adults, 6, children, 8,) 14; Confirmed, 6; Communicants, (added anew, 8, removed into the parish, 4, removed from the parish, 3,) present number, 66; Catechumens, 40.

Contributions, since at the Holy Communion,	\$40.60
for contingent fund of the Diocese,	4.00
for other purposes,	28.00
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	\$72.60

Public Worship, regularly held on all Sundays, except two or three occasional absences of the Rector; once a week during Lent, and four days during Passion week; on the annual Fast and Thanksgiving days of the State, besides a Lecture Thursday evening.

The Holy Eucharist has been administered the first Sunday of the month. The children have been catechised by the Rector in Church, occasionally.

The past year with us has been one of unusual prosperity; not a death has occurred in the parish during the year.

For these signal blessings of Almighty God, may we all be devoutly thankful.

CHRIST CHURCH, BETHEL.

THE REV. JOSIAH SWETT, RECTOR.

Families 36: Baptisms, (infants, 7, adults 4,) 11; Confirmed, 6; Marriage, 1; Burials, 6; Communicants, (lost, 10, added, 7,) present number, 66; Catechumens, 12.

Contributions, at the Offertory,	\$42.83
for Diocesan Missions,	30.96
for repairs on Parsonage, &c.,	150.00
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	\$223.79

Communion on the first Sunday in each month, and the greater festivals;

and lay-reading on the third, when the Rector officiates in Christ Church, Royaltown.

NOTE. Of the contributions at the Holy Communion, there were devoted to the relief of the poor, \$9,94, to Domestic Missions, \$10,25, to St. James' Church, Hydeville, \$10,93, and to the purchase of books, &c. \$11,71; in all, \$42,83.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, BRANDON, AND GRACE CHURCH, FORESTDALE.

REV. THOMAS L. RANDOLPH, MINISTER.

Families, (adults, about 100; children and youth about 70,) about 40; Baptisms, (adults, 1; children, 12,) 13; Confirmed, 4; Communicants, (died, 1; removed, 1; added, 7;) present number, 30; Marriages, 3; Burials, 6; Sunday Scholars, (at Brandon village, 25; at Forestdale, 60 or 70 enrolled, average attendance, 50;) 85 to 95; Teachers, (at Brandon village, 5; at Forestdale, 10;) 15.

Collections, at the Communion,	\$33,79 $\frac{1}{2}$
Monthly Diocesan, commenced in March,	23,00
at the Convocation,	4,55
private for S. School books,	8,25

Total,	\$68,59 $\frac{1}{2}$
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A part of the Communion collections, is appropriated to General Domestic and Foreign Missions.

A donation of one hundred dollars was received from "the Board of Land Agents" toward cancelling the debt on the new Church at Forestdale, and the remainder being generously assumed by R. Blake, Esq., the Church was consecrated on the 20th of July.

A suitable Church edifice is felt to be a great want at Brandon Village. With one, we have reason to believe our congregation would increase more rapidly than can be expected under present circumstances.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, BURLINGTON.

ST. REV. JOHN H. HOPKINS, D.D.L.L.D. RECTOR.

Families, 95; (adults 201, children and youth 200; total, 407.) students of College and of the Female Seminaries inclusive about 37; Baptisms, (adults, 3; children, 20,) 23; Confirmed, 14; Communicants, (removed, 10; died, 2; added, 23,) present number 201; Sunday scholars, (boys, 40; girls, 55) 95; Superintendent and teachers, 14; Marriages, 3; Burials, 8.

Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	\$111,54
for General Missions, Foreign,	25,00
“ “ Domestic.	34,54
Diocesan Missions,	60,90
aged and infirm clergymen,	20,00
Contingent Fund,	10,00
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	\$261,08

The ladies of the congregation, according to their custom, assembled during the winter months, to make provision for the wants of the poor, beyond the amount given from the Communion alms. In this good work, they contributed in money, \$37,34, and received donations of 354 yards of cotton and woollen. These were made up by their industry into 19 bed quilts and 54 garments, and the remainder was expended for necessities and comforts to aid the aged and the sick. On no kind of charity may we hope more confidently for the divine blessing. I have further to record their liberality in a large and judicious Christmas present, which supplied the domestic stores of the Rector, for several months, with articles of prime utility and value.

Of the general state of the parish, it may be said that it is reasonably encouraging and prosperous, although it is not to be doubted that this prosperity might be greatly increased, under a more efficient and active pastor.

ZION CHURCH, FACTORY POINT.

REV. J. E. FRIDT.

Families, 40; Baptisms, 1, adult; Confirmed, 1; Marriages, 5; Burials, 5; Communicants, (added anew, 2; received into the parish, 4; removed

from the parish, 4 ; died, 4 ;) present number, 41. The children, in addition to the instruction received in the Sunday School, are examined and instructed monthly by the Rector in the Catechism.

Contributions, (alms at the Holy Communion, for 5 months) \$25,00

which have been appropriated as follows :

for Diocesan Missions,	\$15,00
" Sunday School books,	5,00
" other purposes,	5,00

The present Rector took charge of the parish in April last, it having been vacant since the resignation of the Rev. Mr. Blackaller, nearly two years before.

A parsonage is in contemplation, and it is hoped will be erected in the course of another year.

TRINITY CHURCH, FAIRFIELD.

REV. JOHN A. FITCH, RECTOR.

Baptisms, 3 infants ; Confirmed. 3 ; Burials, 4. The present Rector has been in charge of the parish but a few weeks, and has not had sufficient time so far to investigate the state of the parish as to be able to report the changes which may have taken place since the report in 1851, by the Rev. and very worthy Richard F. Cadle.

CHRIST CHURCH, FAIRFAX.

REV. JOHN A. FITCH, RECTOR.

Families, (comprising adults about 100 ; children, 50) 34 ; one family has removed from the parish and one added ; Confirmed 6 ; Baptised, (infant, 1 ; children, 7) 8 ; Communicants, (removed, 1 ; added 7,) 49 ; Marriages, 1.

Collections for Foreign Missions,	\$6,00
" Domestic do.	4,00
" Contingent fund,	2,00

\$12,00

Collections at the Holy Communion expended for
tracts and prayer books, mostly,

\$7,46—\$19,46

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CHRIST CHURCH, GUILFORD.

REV. GEORGE C. V. EASTMAN, RECTOR.

Baptisms, (adults, 3, children, 4,) 7; Confirmed, 9; Marriages, 3; Burials, 7; Communicants, added 14; present number, 81; Catechumens, 35.

Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	\$26,87
for Diocesan Missions,	16,36
for the contingent fund of the Diocese,	2,00
for other purposes,	150,00
for the Church in Hydeville,	10,00

Total, \$205,13

Public worship, on Sundays, morning and evening. Also, on the chief festivals and fasts. The Holy Eucharist on the first Sunday of each month. The children have been catechised once a month.

We have much cause for gratitude, that our parish is making some progress in the weightier matters of Christian character.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, HIGHGATE.

REV. C. R. HATCHELDER, RECTOR.

Families, 43; Baptisms, (infants, 3, adults, 1,) 4; Confirmed, 4; Marriages, 8; Burials, 2; Communicants, (added, 8, removed, 2, died, 1,) 63; Sunday school scholars, 25.

Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	\$19,23
for the Contingent Fund,	5,00

Public services: morning and evening each Sunday, and in the morning on the greater Festivals and Fasts. The Holy Communion has been administered on the first Sunday of every month.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, HYDEVILLE.

REV. A. H. BAILEY, RECTOR.

Families, (adults, 68, children, 47, total 115,) 27; Baptisms, (adults, 3, children 12, of whom 4 were from without the parish,) 15; Confirmed 9; Marriages, 3; Burials, 5; Communicants, (added anew, 8, removed into the parish, 1, from the parish, 4,) present number, 34; Catechumens, (boys, 9, girls, 17,) 26.

Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion, (of which \$8,49

were offered for "Aged and Infirm Clergymen, &c.")	30,82
for Diocesan Missions, (for 8 months under the Plan of the Bishop and Convocation.)	20,05
for General missions, Domestic,	11,02
for General Missions, Foreign,	7,07
for the contingent Fund of the Diocese,	2,00

Total,	\$70,96
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Public Worship, on Sundays regularly, morning and evening throughout the year; and on the greater Festivals and Fasts of the Church. The Holy Communion has been administered 14 times in the Church, and once in a private house. The children have been catechised regularly on Sundays.

The application to other parishes in the Diocese, for aid to erect a Church here, has been cordially received. It is designed to report a list of their benefactions when it is complete. The estimated expense was nearly, but not fully secured, and present computations show that the real expenses will considerably exceed the estimates. The building is finished on the exterior, except glazing and painting, and can be ready for consecration about Christmas time, if not stopped for want of funds. If any of our brethren are still disposed to aid in relieving this young missionary parish from the disastrous effects of a debt, that its worthy ambition to become a self-supporting and freely contributing parish, may not be checked, their offerings will be gratefully received and acknowledged by the Rector.

CALVARY CHURCH, JERICHO.

Families, (comprising adults, 20, children 29,) 10 ; Communicants, 17.

Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	\$4,00
for other purposes,	2,00

The parish is still destitute of Clerical services, but Lay services have been continued regularly through the year, as they have been for more than nine years past. Although the congregation is very small, yet these services have been signally blessed. During their continuance, there have been nineteen Baptisms, of which three have been of adults. Twelve have been confirmed and fifteen added to the communion. A lot has been purchased for a Church, and the parish is now engaged in the erection of the edifice. In order to complete this good work, however, they will probably be obliged to ask some aid from their more favored brethren. When the church is finished, they hope to be able to support a clergyman a portion of the time, but hitherto their ability has been too small to offer what might be considered a sufficient inducement to a minister to labor among them. In July last, the Rev. Mr. Bostwick, of Sandy Hill, N. Y., visited the parish, and administered the Holy Communion.

ST. STEPHENS' CHURCH, MIDDLEBURY.

REV. JAMES MULCHAHEY, RECTOR.

Families, 65, comprising about 300 persons ; Baptisms, 5 ; Confirmed, 7 ; Marriages, 2 ; Communicants, (added anew, 10, removed, 10, died, 3,) present number, 94 ; Catechumens, 50.

Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	\$60,22
Advent Collection, appropriated to St James'	
Church, Hydeville,	46,62
Easter Collection, for Aged and Infirm	
Clergymen,	9,22
Contingent Fund,	8,00

Services same as last year.

In addition to the above mentioned contributions, it should be stated that the Ladies Missionary Society has recently sent a box of clothing &c., to

Mr. Breck's Indian mission in Minnesota, valued at about \$75.00. It should also be stated, as explanatory of the fact that the list of missionary appropriations is incomplete, that the plan of monthly collections of weekly offerings for all parochial and missionary purposes, as recommended by the Bishop, in his Pastoral Letter, has been adopted during the past year, and is now in very successful operation in the parish, but the missionary appropriations for the year have not yet been made. The parish continues in a happily united and progressively prosperous state. We have lost by removals from the place, and by death, some whom we could not well afford to lose, but their places have been in part at least, supplied by others who have come in. The improvements in the Church edifice, reported last year as commenced, have been carried on towards completion, and we record very gratefully, our acknowledgments of the generosity of friends abroad, who have given us the means of putting into the Church an entire new set of stained and enameled glass windows, which liberal benefactions it is also simple justice to state, were obtained by the solicitations of a single member of the parish ; an earnest-minded, true-hearted, Christian woman.

CHRIST CHURCH, MONTPELIER.

REV. EDWARD F. PUTNAM, RECTOR.

Baptisms, (adults, 2, children, 6,) 8 ; Confirmed, 3 ; Marriage, 1 ; Burials, 6 ; Communicants, (added 5, removed from the parish, 4,) present number, 47 ; Catechumens, 48.

Contributions, alms at the Offertory,	\$44,10
for Rev. Eleazer William's Mission,	14,10
for Books,	10,00
for contingent fund of the Diocese,	4,00
for Church at Hydeville,	15,00
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	\$87,20

Public Worship, morning and evening, with sermons, on Sundays, throughout the year. On Christmas Eve, service and sermon ; also, on the greater Festivals and Fasts, service with a sermon or lecture. The Holy Eucharist on the first Sunday of every month, and on certain Holydays.

Although the parish has suffered by removals during the last two years, there has been a perceptible increase of the congregation, and moreover, it is humbly trusted that advance has been made toward a right appreciation of Church principles.

Through the exertion of a few, upon whom the burden has chiefly fallen, the old debt has been nearly extinguished, and so a cause of discouragement removed, which, thus far, has operated most unfavorably upon missionary and other contributions.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, NORWICH.

TO THE RT. REV. J. H. HOPKINS, D. D.

Rt. Rev. and Dear Sir :

As I have been for the last six months holding religious services in this parish, I deem it my duty to make some report to you of its condition a present and during the last year.

The Rev. Mr. Royce continued his regular services here until March last, when his year expired and he left us. Since that time I have regularly, with very few exceptions, held morning service in our University Hall on every Sunday. The attendance of the villagers is small, but some of them have been very punctual and seem to grow in sincere attachment to our Church and its ordinances. The number of our students from Episcopal families has very much increased. They attend regularly. I have administered the Holy Communion regularly once a month to about ten communicants. I have privately baptised one infant. A Sunday school has just been opened with fair promise of success. A subscription list has been circulated to raise funds to erect a Church ; and a sum large, considering the size of the parish, has been promised for that purpose.

I cannot doubt that if we had had the permanent service of a settled minister, the parish would now be in a more prosperous condition than it is in. But, with my duties in this University, and as Missionary at Hanover, I have not had sufficient time to devote to it. There is a great desire here to secure the services of a resident minister, but we find it hard to meet with any gentleman who will undertake the double duty in the University and the parish. We are in hopes that we shall next Sunday be able to hold our services in our Hall on the ground floor, as this will be much more accessible than

the upper Hall. We have little doubt that the change will be the means of increasing the congregation.

Yours very respectfully and truly

EDW. BOURNS.

Acting minister of St. Andrews, Norwich, Vermont.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, POULTNEY.

REV. O. HOPSON, RECTOR.

Families, (adults, 100, children, 45, total, 145,) 40; Baptisms, (adults, including one in Tinmouth, 7, children, 1,) 8; Confirmed, 7; Marriages, 2; Burials, 4; Communicants, added anew, 5; lost by removal 2, by death, 3,) present number, 67; Sabbath school teachers, 9; scholars, 31.

Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	\$15,26
for Domestic Missions,	12,72
“ Foreign Missions,	5,78
“ aged and infirm clergymen,	5,00
“ Diocesan Missions,	6,63
“ Contingent Fund,	4,00
“ Sunday school,	5,43
Pledged for St. James' Church,	
Hydeville, (\$100, by one individual,)	200,00

\$264,82

Public worship, on alternate Sundays, and on the principal Festivals and Fasts.

During the past year, a third service has been held once in two weeks, (with few exceptions) in different parts of the parish.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, WELLS.

REV. O. HOPKIN, RECTOR.

Families, adults, 46, children, 28, total, 74, 12; Confirmed, 2; Burials, 4
 Communicants, (added anew, 2; lost by removal, 1,) present number 29.

Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	\$3,87
for Domestic Missions,	2,93
“ Foreign Missions,	5,00
“ Contingent Fund,	2,00
“ Church repairs,	200,00
Pledged for St. James' Church, Hydeville,	15,00
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Public worship, on every fourth Sunday till Easter. Since which time, the Rev Mr. Williams of Granville, N. Y., has officiated one afternoon on every fourth Sunday. The Rev. Mr. Bailey, of Hydeville, has preached one Sunday, and administered the Holy Communion;—and the same amount of service has been rendered by myself. During the past summer, very extensive repairs have been made upon the Church edifice. It has (for the most part) been plastered anew, and painted anew outside and in. New chancel arrangements have been added, with other improvements. The whole expense is not far from \$200—\$355, of which was contributed by one lady of the parish.

In making these repairs, the parish is also much indebted for counsel and other substantial aid, to the Rev. Mr. Williams, of Granville.

GRACE CHURCH, RANDOLPH.

REV. JOSIAH OBEAR, RECTOR.

Families, 35; (comprising adults, 112, children 40, total, 152,) Baptisms, 2 children; Communicants, (removed, 6, died, 1,) present number, about 60; Burials, 5; Marriages, 2; Sunday school teachers, 2; Scholars, 20.

Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	16,30
Missions,	7,31

Public worship, on Sundays, regularly, morning and evening; and also,

on the greater Festivals and Fasts, until August 1st, at which time, I resigned the Rectorship of the Church. The Church has since been kept open by lay reading.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, ROYALTON.

REV. JOSIAH SWETT, RECTOR.

Families, 6; Baptisms, (infants, 1, adults, 3,) 4; Confirmed, 3; Burials, 1; Communicants, (lost, 2, added, 3,) present number, 21.

Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	22,27
for Diocesan Missions,	12,00
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	\$34,27

The Holy Communion is administered on the third Sunday of each month, when there is preaching. On other Sundays the Church is kept open by lay reading.

NOTE.—Of the Contributions at the Holy Communion, \$7,03, were appropriated to Domestic Missions, and \$4,04, to St. James' Church, Hydeville.

TRINITY CHURCH, RUTLAND,

REV. JOHN A. HICKS, D. D. RECTOR.

The Rector reported to the Convention of 1850, that \$700 had been raised in the parish, for the repairs of the Church and Parsonage. That sum being found insufficient for the purpose, \$500 additional were raised last year, as stated in the report in the Journal, for the purpose of completing the repairs, and liquidating a debt which has been gradually accumulating from the insufficiency of the income of the parish to defray its expenses. During the past year, the whole debt of the parish has been discharged, by the contribution of the farther sum of \$300. The parish is now reported as entirely free from debt of any kind; having its Church edifice in handsome repair, and a fine Parsonage in one of the most eligible sites of the Village. To effect this object, the parish has itself paid about \$2,500. To the zeal of the ladies of the parish, we are especially indebted. The congregation has been increased from the increase of our population, all the pews being in the occupancy of

attendants on our services. The new system of subscription to the Missions of the Church, has been introduced with encouraging results, almost all the members of the congregation, young and old, having engaged to pay a weekly contribution to that object. The ladies during the last Winter, made a box of clothing, and household articles, in value about \$100, which was sent to the Bishop of Wisconsin, to be appropriated by him, to the use of Missionaries in the Diocese of Wisconsin. The Rector cannot but hope that the facts which he has reported may be found a true indication of the increase in the hearts of his people, of those spiritual graces in which the true prosperity of a parish consists.

Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	\$56,00
Easter Collection,	15,35
Church at Hydeville,	85,00
Contingent Fund,	8,00
Wisconsin,	100,00
To complete Church repairs, and liquidate the balance of the Church debt,	300,00
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	\$564,35

GRACE CHURCH, SHELDON.

REV. JUBAL HODGES, RECTOR.

Nine months have elapsed since the present incumbent entered upon his duties in this parish. Its statistics are as follows; Baptisms, adults, 6, infants, 20; Confirmed, 10; New Communicants, 12; present number, 60; Pastor's School, 41; Burials, 5;

Religious offerings, \$60,53

Of this sum of money, \$30,00 have been devoted towards the purchase and spread of instructive and devotional works; \$18,00 have been appropriated towards increasing the efficiency of the Pastor's School; \$5,60 to the fund for supporting the aged and infirm clergymen; \$3,00 to the contingent fund of the Diocese, and the remainder to the necessary and miscellaneous expenditures of the Parish.

Divine Service, has been celebrated twice every Lord's Day, and occasionally thrice, and generally once, sometimes twice, and in Passion Tide, seven times in the week. On the Lord's Day, the children of the village have a third service, especially appropriated to them, and are usually addressed and catechised "openly in the Church," on the first Lord's Day in the month. The Supper of our Lord has been administered on twelve occasions, on week day evenings, as well as Lord's Day mornings, and about one hundred sermons preached with the same informality as to time and place. Numerous congregations have usually listened to them.

In making up this report of his ministerial services during the passing year, the Pastor cannot but put on the records of this Convention, an expression of his gratitude to the great Lord of the harvest, for the blessings from on high. Owing to the peculiar habits of the people, and their local ways of thought, a missionary of the Lord Jesus had much to contend with in preaching the things of another world. Much opposition had necessarily to be met, and patiently to be borne with, ere anything systematic was even attempted, but there was full encouragement in the thought that a pastor, in doing the work of his master, must necessarily become a martyr to his labors. The things of faith are very low; perhaps no lower here than anywhere else, though a great company of the women as of old, in the days of St. Paul, so here also, are obedient to the faith of the Gospel. The blessed teaching of Regeneration in Christ, and of Baptism as the means whereby God bestows and man receives it, is received by few, and understood by less, and many are the hearers who rest in the hearing. The spirit of God, however, seems now working among us, and though the time of the Lord's appearance is close at hand, "even at the door," yet the day star is arising in our hearts, and our eyes are being opened to see how low we have indeed fallen from the high standing of the Church in Christ Jesus. Oh! who may abide the day of His coming, and who may stand when He appeareth?

UNION CHURCH, ST. ALBANS.

REV. CHARLES FAY, RECTOR.

Families, (removed, 8, added, 7,) 67 ; comprising with others, 262 persons ; Communicants, (added, 11, removed, 9, died, 3,) 99 ; Baptisms, 5 ; Confirmed, 3 ; Marriages, 2 ; Burials, 5.

Contributions, offerings at the Holy Communion,	\$59,26
General Missions, Domestic,	10,00
" " Foreign,	22,25
Diocesan Missions,	34,00
for new furnace, &c.	70,00
for Sunday School Library,	5,00
for contingent fund,	8,00

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Throughout the year there have been the usual public services on Sundays, on the various Festivals and Fasts observed in the Church, and during the season of Lent. The numerical strength of the parish continues without much alteration, the additions and removals nearly counterbalancing each other. On the whole, the condition of things is good.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, VERGENNES.

REV. W. W. HICKOX, RECTOR.

Families, 34, (adults, 92, children, 54,) 146 ; Baptisms, children, 5 ; Confirmed, 2 ; Burials, 2 ; Communicants, (added, 4, died, 1,) present number, 51 ; Sunday School Teachers, 4 ; Scholars, 25. School usually opened by the Rector.

Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	\$19,93
for Convocation,	15,00
for contingent fund,	5,00

Some few dollars have been raised for repairs and new carpets, added in front of chancel and through both aisles.

There have been regular services morning and evening, except on one Sunday, given to the Church of the Holy Cross, Ticonderoga, where I administered the Communion, baptized 5 children, and subsequently presented

5 for confirmation ; and excepting also, 2 or 3 Sundays prevented by storm or other causes from crossing the Lake, and except also, seven weeks from the last of November, during which time I was kept within doors, by the breaking of a leg, whose rapid and entire recovery I desire with devout gratitude, here to record. Considering these interruptions, and from being sustained by regular and faithful services through the Lay members of the congregation, during my lameness, the parish has suffered as little as could be expected, and is in condition about the same as at the last report.

I have officiated also, several times for a third service, twice in Ferrisburgh, three times at Elgin Springs, and once in Addison, where I baptized a child.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, WINDSOR.

REV. WM. R. JOHNSON, RECTOR.

Families, (adults, 91, children, 37, total, 128,) 37; Baptisms, (adults, 2, children, 6,) 8; Confirmed, 3; Marriages, 3; Burials, 6; Communicants, (added anew, 7, removed, 4,) present number, 53; Catechumens, 18; Teachers, 3.

Contributions, alms at the Holy Communion,	\$25,79
Weekly offerings, (since Easter,)	31,46
for Domestic Missions,	13,00
for Church at Hydeville,	20,00
for Sunday School,	4,00
for contingent fund,	4,00
for other purposes,	10,00

\$108,25

The Church edifice is undergoing repairs and improvements, the expense of which we are now unable to estimate and report. If all is done which is necessary, and is contemplated, a heavy burden will be imposed upon our parish the coming year. The interior has been painted and much improved otherwise.

TO THE RT. REV. J. H. HOPKINS, BISHOP OF VERMONT.

The undersigned begs leave to present his report for the year past, according to canon. From the date of his last report until the 23d of February, 1853, he continued to discharge the duties of Rector and Professor at Norwich. On the 23d of February he resigned the charge of the parish of St. Andrews, and the Professorship in the University; since which time, he has resided in Rutland. During his stay in Rutland he has sometimes officiated in Trinity Church at the request of Rev. Dr. Hicks, and sometimes held services in school houses in the vicinity. In all, he has officiated part, or the whole day, on twenty-three Sundays out of twenty-eight, that he has been in this town, and is now regularly officiating once every Sunday at the school-house at Sutherland's Falls.

M. S. ROYCE.

WAITSFIELD, VT., SEPT. 19TH, 1853.

RT. REV. SIR :

Since the 10th of last July, I have been officiating in this place. I have the pleasure to report that the services of the Church have been well attended, 100 persons, at an average, having been present on each occasion of public worship. The number of Communicants is about 12. We have the use of a substantial Church, of brick, capable of accommodating 300 persons. Its interior and exterior have just been repaired. The Hon. R. Richardson has recently placed in it, entirely at his own expense, a new and excellent organ, worth \$300. To his praiseworthy liberality, as well as to that of several other influential members of the congregation, the Church in this place is greatly indebted for its present prosperity.

I have baptised four children. The Rev. E. F. Putnam recently officiated at the burial of a female communicant.

J. E. JOHNSON.

GEMONT GRAVES, DEACON,

Reports to the Bishop, that since his ordination, he has been engaged in assisting the Rev. Dr. Hicks, Rector of Trinity Church, Rutland. He has also assisted on several Sundays, in adjacent parishes.

CHRIST CHURCH, ENOSBURGH.

REV. E. H. SAYLES, RECTOR.

Families, 40; (comprising adults, 140, children, 70, total, 210,) Baptisms, 2 children, and one in the parish of Montgomery; Burials, 22; 1 in the parish above mentioned; Communicants, 58; Sunday school scholars, about 30.

Contributions

For a new Sunday School Library,	\$10,00
“ forty copies of the youths Penny Gazette,	5,00
“ postage on the above,	2,00
“ repairs on the Church,	10,00
“ question books,	2,00
“ Contingent Fund of the Diocese,	2,00

\$31,00

On Sundays, two services are held, and occasionally three. On Sundays services are held alternately in the Church, West Enosburgh, and in the Town Hall, Center, about two miles east from the Church. On secular days, service is held on Christmas day and Good Friday, also Fast and Festival days, appointed by the Governor. The Holy Communion is administered on the first Sunday in each month, alternately in both places of worship. In both places the Rector has classes of young ladies. A new Sunday School Library of 100 volumes has been added to our previous collection of books, making the whole number 220. In addition to the books we take 40 copies of the Youth's Penny Gazette, thus the scholars not only draw their books, but have something fresh each week from the press.

[APPENDIX II.]

LIST OF THE CLERGY

In the Diocese of Vermont, with the Parishes under their charge.

The Rt. Rev. JOHN HENRY HOPKINS, D.D. LL.D.
Bishop of the Diocese, and Rector of St. Paul's Church,
Burlington.

PRESBYTERS.

The Rev. ALBERT H. BAILEY, Rector of St. James' Church,
Hydeville.

The Rev. C. R. BATCHELDER, Rector of St John's Church,
Highgate.

The Rev. JOEL CLAP, D.D. Rector of Immanuel Church,
Bellows Falls.

The Rev. G. C. V. EASTMAN, Rector of Christ Church
Guilford.

The Rev. CHARLES FAY, Rector of Union Church, St Albans.

The Rev. JOHN A. FITCH, Rector of Christ Church, Fairfax.

The Rev. JOHN A. HICKS, D.D., Rector of Trinity Church,
Rutland.

The Rev. MARCELLUS A. HERRICK, Rector of St. James'
Church, Woodstock.

The Rev. W. W. HICKOX, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Ver-
gennes, canonically belonging to the Diocese of New
York, and residing at Westport.

The Rev. JUBAL HODGES, Rector of Grace Church, Sheldon.

The Rev. O. HOPSON, Rector of St. John's Church, Poultney, and St. Paul's Church, Wells, Canonically resident in the diocese of New York.

The Rev. WM. R. JOHNSON, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Windsor.

The Rev. GEORGE B. MANSER, D.D., Rector of St. Peter's Church, Bennington.

The Rev. JAMES MULCHAHEY, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Middlebury.

The Rev. LOUIS M'DONALD, residing at Middlebury.

The Rev. JOSIAH OBEAR, residing at Randolph Centre.

The Rev. JOHN B. PRADT, Rector of Zion Church, Factory Point.

The Rev. EDWARD F. PUTNAM, Rector of Christ Church, Montpelier.

The Rev. T. L. RANDOLPH, Rector of St. Thomas' Church, Brandon.

The Rev. MOSES S. ROYCE, residing at Rutland.

The Rev. EZEKIEL H. SAYLES, Rector of Christ Church, Enosburgh.

The Rev. JOSIAH SWETT, Rector of Christ Church, Bethel, and St. Paul's Church, Royalton.

The Rev. FREDERICK A. WADLEIGH, Rector of St. James' Church, Arlington.

DEACONS.

Rev. ZADOCK THOMPSON, Professor of Chemistry and Natural History, University of Vermont.

The Rev J. E. JOHNSON, Waitsfield.

The Rev. GEMONT GRAVES, Rutland.

CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS.

THEODORE A. HOPKINS.

WM. C. HOPKINS,

Sig. 7

[APPENDIX, III.]

LIST OF PARISHES

In the Diocese of Vermont, with their Rectors or Ministers.

PARISHES.	RECTORS.
ST. JAMES', Arlington,	Rev. FRED'K WADLEIGH.
IMMANUEL, Bellows Falls,	Rev. JOEL CLAP, D. D.
ST. PETER's, Bennington,	Rev. GEO. B. MANSER, D. D.
CALVARY, Berkshire,	Vacant.
CHRIST, Bethel,	Rev. JOSIAH SWETT.
ST. THOMAS', Brandon,	Rev. T. L. RANDOLPH.
ST. PAUL's, Burlington,	Rt. Rev. J. H. HOPKINS, D.D.L.L.D.
ST. JAMES', Hydeville,	Rev. A. H. BAILEY.
CHRIST, Enosburgh,	Rev. E. H. SAYLES.
ZION, Factory Point,	Rev. J. B. PRADT,
CHRIST, Fairfax,	Rev. JOHN A. FITCH.
TRINITY, Fairfield,	" "
CHRIST, Guilford,	Rev. G. C. V. EASTMAN.
ST. JOHN's, Highgate,	Rev. C. R. BATCHELDER.
CALVARY, Jericho,	Vacant.
ST. STEPHEN's, Middlebury,	Rev. JAS. MULCHAHEY.
UNION, Montgomery,	Vacant.
CHRIST, Montpelier,	Rev. E. F. PUTNAM.
ST. ANDREW's, Norwich,	Vacant.
ST. JOHN's, Poultney,	Rev. O. HOPSON.
GRACE, Randolph,	Vacant.
ST. PAUL's, Royalton,	Rev. JOSIAH SWETT.
TRINITY, Rutland,	Rev. JOHN A. HICKS, D. D.
TRINITY, Shelburne,	Vacant.
GRACE, Sheldon,	Rev. JUBAL HODGES.
UNION, St. Albans,	Rev. CHARLES FAY.
ST. STEPHEN's, Tinmouth,	Vacant.
ST. PAUL's, Wells,	Rev. O. HOPSON.
ST. PAUL's, Windsor,	Rev. WM. R. JOHNSON.
ST. JAMES', Woodstock,	Rev. M. A. HERRICK.
ST. PAUL's, Vergennes,	Rev. W. W. HICKOX, of N. Y.

[APPENDIX IV.]

BOARD OF LAND AGENTS.

Board of Agency in Vermont of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, in account with
JED. S. BUSHNELL, *Treasurer.*

1852.

DR.

July 14.	To paid members of the Board for their time and expenses attending annual meetings of the Board,	\$50,40
"	Appropriation for salary of Rt. Rev. John H. Hopkins, Bishop of the Diocese for year ending June 1, 1853,	800,00
"	Appropriations of the Board to the Churches of the Diocese, in all, amounting to,	2,375,00
"	Incidental expenses, including travelling expenses, postage, stationery, &c.	32,87
"	Treasurer's salary for year ending, Aug. 1, 1853,	75,00

1853.

July 12.	Balance of account in Treasurer's hands this day reported to the Board audited and carried to new account,	2,563,08
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\$5,895,80

1852.	C R.
July 8. By balance of old account,	\$516,84
1853.	
July 12. By rents received during the last year including \$2,005,82, received for sale of lands taken on Jno. A. Pratt's mortgage,	5,378,96
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	5,895,80

The foregoing is a correct abstract of my account rendered to the Board, and by them allowed, at their annual meeting, on the 12th day of July last.

JED. S. BUSHNELL, *Treasurer*.
Burlington, Sept. 21st, 1858.

[APPENDIX V.]

DIocese of VERMONT.

IN ACCOUNT WITH N. PARKER, TREASURER.

1852.

Dr.

Sept.	To	Balance of Cash in hand, see Journal,	\$93,95
	"	Cash received Ch., Montgomery,	3,00
	"	" " " " Berkshire,	3,00
	"	" " " " Enosburgh,	2,00
	"	" " " " Sheldon,	3,00
	"	" " " " Rutland,	8,00
	"	" " " " St. Albans,	8,00
	"	" " " " Highgate,	5,00
	"	" " " " Fairfax,	2,00
	"	" " " " Vergennes,	5,00
	"	" " " " Brandon,	2,00
	"	" " " " Poultney,	4,00
	"	" " " " Wells,	2,00
	"	" " " " Arlington,	8,00
	"	" " " " Guilford,	2,00
	"	" " " " Bellows Falls,	8,00
	"	" " " " Windsor,	4,00
	"	" " " " Woodstock,	6,00
	"	" " " " Bethel,	3,00
	"	" " " " Royalton,	2,00
	"	" " " " Montpelier,	4,00

	"	"	"	"	Randolph,	2,00
	"	"	"	"	Hydeville,	2,00
	"	"	"	"	Bennington,	4,00
	"	"	"	"	Middlebury,	8,00
	"	"	"	"	Burlington,	10,00
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						\$203,95
1852.						Cr.
Dec.	By	paid	Secretary's	d'ft	for Journals,	\$78,00
	"	"	for	Canons	of Diocese,	27,17
	"	"	Dr.	Hicks,	Postage,	35
Sept.	1853.	Cash	in	hand,	and charged in acct.,	98,43
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						\$203,95

N. PARKER, *Treasurer.*

The above acct. examined and approved.

JULIUS Y. DEWEY, } *Finance*
BUCKLEY SQUIRES, } *Com.*

BURLINGTON, Sept. 21, 1853.

DELINQUENT PARISHES, 1851.

Fairfield, Shelburne, Factory-Point, Tinmouth, Jericho.

[APPENDIX VI.]

CONSTITUTION OF THE CONVOCATION OF THE P. E. CHURCH IN THE DIOCESE OF VERMONT.

Art. I. This Convocation shall be composed of the Rt. Rev. Bishop and all clergymen of the P. E. Church, in canonical connexion with the Diocese of Vermont.

Art. II. The officers of the Convocation shall be the Bishop, *ex-officio*, President, a Secretary and Treasurer.

Art. III. In the absence of the Rt. Rev. President, the Presbyter senior by ordination shall be President *pro tem*.

Art. IV. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a record of the proceedings of the Convocation, in a well bound book, and to give to every member of the Convocation notice of the time and place of every appointed meeting of the Convocation, at least two weeks previous to the time for which any such appointment may be made. He shall also conduct the correspondence. He shall copy the Constitution of the minutes of the first meeting of the Convocation ; and shall perform all duties commonly belonging to such office.

Art. V. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all the funds of the Convocation, and to disburse them by order of the Convocation. He shall keep an accurate account of all moneys received and disbursed ; and shall make a written report of the same, to the Convocation, at each quarterly meeting.

Art. VI. The stated meetings of the Convocation shall be quarterly—in the months of April, July, September and December—at such place, and on such days of the aforesaid months, as shall be designated at the previous meeting. The meeting in Sept. shall be the Annual Meeting, at which time the officers of the Convocation shall be elected.

Art. VII. Special meetings of the Convocation may be appointed by a vote of a majority of the members present at any quarterly meeting; or by the Bishop, at such times and places as shall be deemed by him expedient.

Art. VIII. The Clergy assembled at each quarterly meeting shall constitute a quorum competent for the transaction of all business.

Art. IX. The objects of the Convocation shall be: 1st, mutual counsel and encouragement of the Clergy; 2d, to excite and extend a missionary spirit throughout the Diocese.

Art. X. This Convocation being designed in no way to interfere with the constituted authority of the Church, shall be subject in all its operations to the approbation of the Bishop.

Art. XI. This Constitution shall not be subject to alteration in any article, except at the Annual Meeting of the Convocation, nor unless such alteration shall have been proposed at least one annual meeting previous to its adoption.

[APPENDIX VII.]

REPORT OF TREASURER OF FUND FOR AGED AND INFIRM CLERGYMEN, &c.

NAHUM PARKER, *Treasurer.*

1853.

Dr.

Sept. To balance in hand, after paying appropria-	
tions of last year,	\$51,55
To Cash rec'd of H. P. Randolph, by Rev. Mr.	
Swett, after Convention adjourned,	5,00
To Cash rec'd of St. Stephens Ch., Middlebury,	9,22
" " " Grace Ch., Sheldon,	5,68
" " " St. John's Ch., Poultney,	5,00
" " " St. James' Ch., Arlington,	5,80
" " " Immanuel Ch., Bellows Falls,	8,48
" " " Trinity Ch., Rutland,	15,00
" " " St. James' Ch., Hydeville,	8,49

N. PARKER, *Treasurer.*

At a meeting of the Bishop and Standing Committee, held in the Vestry of St. Paul's Church, Burlington, on the evening of Wednesday the 21st day of Sept., 1853, it was

Resolved, That the Treasurer be, and hereby is, directed to pay the following sums out of funds in hands for the relief of aged and infirm clergymen, &c.

To Rev. Louis M'Donald, Twenty-five dollars.

Attest JOEL CLAP, Secretary of the Standing Committee.

[APPENDIX VIII]

MISSIONS.

N. PARKER, *Treasurer of Missionary Fund, of the
Diocese of Vermont.*

1853.	Dr.
Sept. To balance in Treasurer's hands after pay- ing appropriations last year,	\$1,19
To Cash of St. John's Ch., Poultney,	6,63
“ “ Trinity Ch., Rutland,	4,02
“ “ St. Paul's Ch., Vergennes,	15,00
“ “ St. James' Ch., Hydeville,	20,05
“ “ St. Paul's Ch., Royalton,	12,00
“ “ Christ Ch., Bethel,	31,00
“ “ Union Ch., St. Albans,	30,00
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	\$119,89
N. PARKER, <i>Treasurer.</i>	

[APPENDIX IX]

OFFICERS OF THE CONVENTION.

Rt. Rev. JOHN H. HOPKINS, D.D. L.L.D., President, *ex officio*.

Rev. GEORGE B. MANSER, D.D. *Sec'y*, Bennington.

NAHUM PARKER, Esq., *Treasurer*, Middlebury.

Standing Committee.

Rev. JOHN A. HICKS, D.D., *President*, Rutland.

Rev. JOEL CLAP, D.D.

Rev. GEORGE B. MANSER, D.D.

Hon. ISAAC F. REDFIELD, L.L.D.

R. G. COLE, Esquire.

OZIAS SEYMOUR, Esquire.

Clerical Deputies to General Convention.

Rev. JOHN A. HICKS, D.D.

Rev. JOEL CLAP, D.D.

Rev. GEORGE B. MANSER, D.D.

Rev. CHARLES FAY.

Lay Deputies to General Convention.

Hon. ISAAC F. REDFIELD, L.L.D.

OZIAS SEYMOUR, Esquire.

R. G. COLE, Esquire.

SYLVESTER DEMING, Esquire.

Missionary Committee.

The Rt. Rev. BISHOP of the Diocese, Chairman, *ex officio*.

Rev. J. MULCHAHEY,

Rev. J. HODGES.

Rev. C. G. V. EASTMAN.

Rev. G. B. MANSER, D.D.

Rev. J. SWETT,

Trustees of the General Theological Seminary.

Rev. JOHN A. HICKS, D.D.

Rev. JOEL CLAP, D. D.

R. G. COLE, Esquire.



STANDING RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That no Parish in this Diocese, which shall hereafter be unrepresented in the Annual Diocesan Convention, by its Rector (if there be one) and a Lay Delegation, unless for reasons satisfactory to the Bishop, shall be considered as entitled to any appropriation from the Board of Land Agents, or from any Missionary Board of the Diocese."—[Adopted in Convention, Sept. 18, 1850.]

The next ANNUAL CONVENTION of this Diocese will be held in TRINITY CHURCH, RUTLAND, on the third Wednesday of September, 1853.

GEORGE B. MANSER, *Secretary*.

FORM OF CERTIFICATES FOR LAY-DELEGATES

I hereby certify, that, at a meeting of the Vestry of ——— Church, ——— holden as the Canon directs, on Easter Monday, in the year of our Lord ——— A. B. and C. D. &c., members of the Vestry, were duly elected Delegates to represent the said Parish in the ensuing Convention of the Diocese.

N———M———,

Secretary of the Vestry.





